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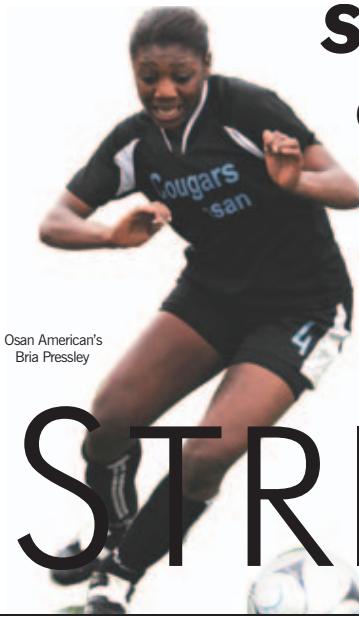
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## Throwing their weight around

Marines undergo punishing course on Okinawa to become martial arts instructors

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Staff Sgt. Vincent Castellanos, 28, yells for his squad to move down as they do push-ups Wednesday during the third day of Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor training on Camp Hansen, Okinawa. About 40 Marines with Battalion Landing Team 3/5, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit are undergoing the 15-day course.

## Obama defends Gitmo closure

By LEO SHANE III  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Thursday argued that closing the Guantanamo Bay detention center is necessary for the safety and moral authority of America, saying the country "went off course" in its use of the facility over the last eight years.

In a speech at the National Archives



beside displays of the U.S. Constitution, Obama said he remains committed to closing the detention facilities by the end of the year, and acknowledged it will mean transferring some of the prisoners to the United States.

"Rather than keep us safer, the prison at Guantanamo has weakened American national security," he said.

"It is a rallying cry for our enemies. It sets back the willingness of our allies to work with us in fighting

an enemy that operates in scores of countries.

"By any measure, the costs of keeping it open far exceed the complications involved in closing it."

Obama's speech came amid growing criticism from Congress over specifics about how to deal with the complex legal status of the detainees. Many of them have been imprisoned in Cuba for years without charges. Since 2001, about 780 detainees

have been held at the Guantanamo facility; currently, 240 are held. About 100 are natives of Yemen, and the rest come from more than 20 foreign countries, according to Pentagon officials.

So far, 24 detainees have been charged with crimes under the Military Commissions Act and three have been convicted by military tribunals.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"We must honor our fallen brothers by remembering their service ... not the way they died."**

—Lt. Col. Louis B. Rago II, commander of Task Force 3rd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, on the shooting deaths of two of its men in Iraq, allegedly at the hands of a fellow soldier

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# Cheney defends interrogation methods

BY PAMELA HESS  
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Dick Cheney on Thursday defended the interrogation methods used against suspected terrorists and said the Bush administration obtained specific information critical to combatting would-be attackers.

In a speech challenging President Barack Obama's policies, Cheney said the national security decisions made by former President George W. Bush kept America safe and were rooted in a determination to ensure the Sept. 11 attacks didn't become "a prelude to some-

thing worse."

Responding to critics of the interrogation tactics, Cheney said the United States did obtain useful information.

"It is a fact that only detainees of the highest intelligence value were ever subjected to enhanced interrogation. You've heard endlessly about waterboarding. It happened to three terrorists," Cheney told an audience at the conservative American Enterprise Institute.

The former vice president bristled over the complaints about interrogation from lawmakers, pointing out that leading members of Congress, including House Speaker Nancy

Pelosi, D-Calif., were briefed on the programs and methods.

"Yet for all these exacting efforts to do a hard and necessary job and to do it right, we hear from some quarters nothing but feigned outrage based on a false narrative," Cheney said. "In my long experience in Washington, few matters have inspired so much contrived indignation and phony moralizing as the interrogation methods applied to a few captured terrorists."

Pelosi has said the CIA misled her in 2002 about whether waterboarding, which simulates drowning, had been used.

## Obama: 'There are no neat or easy answers' for Gitmo

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Obama called that approach inefficient and flawed, and promised to use federal civilian courts to prosecute at least some of the men being detained.

"There are no neat or easy answers here," he said. "But I can tell you that the wrong answer is to pretend like this problem will go away if we maintain an unsustainable status quo."

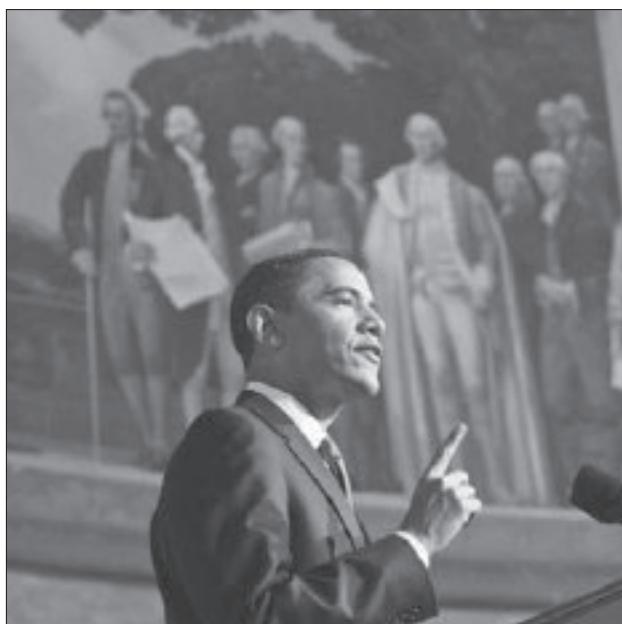
Before Obama's speech, Attorney General Eric Holder announced that Guantanamo detainee Ahmed Ghailani will be sent to New York City for trial, making him the first from the prison to face trial in a civilian criminal court.

Ghailani, captured in 2004, was indicted by a federal grand jury in New York for the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa, which killed 224 people.

Obama said some detainees will be sent to foreign countries for trial and detention, while others will be transferred to secure U.S. prisons or simply released if they pose no threat to the country. He did not offer specifics of which countries or U.S. states might accept the prisoners, but according to The Associated Press, he said 48 suspects currently held at Guantanamo are waiting to be released to other nations.

### Growing opposition

On Wednesday, the Senate voted overwhelmingly to strip



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

**President Barack Obama delivers an address on national security, terrorism and the closing of Guantanamo Bay prison Thursday at the National Archives in Washington.**

\$80 million from the latest war supplemental budget, money that would have funded closing the controversial prison.

Both Democratic and Republican lawmakers said they needed more details on the plan before they'd fund the work, and they ve-

hemently opposed plans to move prisoners to U.S. soil. Lawmakers did not promise any immediate reversal of that vote in light of Thursday's speech.

Republican critics of the president's plans noted that many of the detainees still pose a serious

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# AF eyeing faster retirement for many jets

By FRANKLIN FISHER  
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*Stars and Stripes*

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — The U.S. Air Force in the Pacific plans to speed the retirement of more than 40 combat aircraft, three of them from Osan Air Base, as part of a restructuring plan announced earlier this week, officials said Thursday.

The remaining aircraft will come from bases in Alaska and Hawaii.

That same restructuring will see the Air Force in Europe lose 18 F-16s and possibly one of its three fighter squadrons.

In all, the Air Force would get rid of about 250 fighter jets from its inventory worldwide under what's called the Combat Air Forces restructuring plan.

Some of the losses would be offset by the addition of the newest generation of aircraft to the inventory and by upgrades to others.

*The Air Force will retire 112 F-15s, 134 F-16s and Osan's three A-10s under the restructuring plan.*

The move is in line with the Air Force's aim of freeing up money for next-generation aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicle operations.

It would save \$355 million in fiscal 2010 and \$3.5 billion over the next five years, according to an Air Force news release.

In the Pacific, the reduction will affect Osan Air Base, Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska and Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii.

"So this move is part of a larger effort to bridge our current force structure with a smaller, more capable future force composed mainly of fifth-generation aircraft," Pacific Air Forces spokesman Maj.

Kenneth L. Hoffman said Thursday.

Osan's 51st Fighter Wing would lose three A-10 Thunderbolt II jets, which are designed mainly for close air support missions, Hoffman said.

But it will retain 45 aircraft and receive upgrades to 24 of its F-16s.

Officials at Osan had no immediate details Thursday on the timetable for the change.

By next year, Elmendorf's 3rd Wing will have retired the last of its 24 F-15 Eagles, but it has 36 F-22 Raptors that are being upgraded to the most modern, Block 35 variant.

Also by next year, Hickam will have lost its 15 Hawaii Air National Guard F-15s, but will receive 18 F-22s, with delivery starting in early 2011.

Within the time between the F-15 departure and F-22 arrival, Air National Guard

units will deploy to Hawaii to maintain mission capability.

The Air Force will retire 112 F-15s, 134 F-16s and Osan's three A-10s under the restructuring plan.

Five other aircraft had already been slated for retirement during the current fiscal year, which ends in October.

"We have a strategic window of opportunity to do some important things with fighter aircraft restructuring," the news release quoted Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley as saying.

"By accepting some short-term risk, we can convert our inventory of legacy fighters and F-22s into a smaller, more flexible and lethal bridge to fifth-generation fighters like the F-35."

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To see a list of bases that might be affected by the proposal go to [www.stripes.com](http://www.stripes.com)

## Marines training to teach

By CINDY FISHER  
*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa — Sweating and straining, 40 Marines were pushed to their limits Wednesday morning as part of a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor training course at Camp Hansen.

The future instructors gutted out a grueling two-hour martial arts integration drill designed to prove they know the program's techniques even when mentally fatigued, chief instructor Gunnery Sgt. Willy Carrion said.

The 15-day program underway here now is being conducted by Battalion Landing Team 3/5, which is made up of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines and many support elements.

The goal of the program, started in 2000, is "to make well-rounded Marines — mentally and physically," Carrion said, adding that there's much to learn before these students become instructors.

They will have to endure 12 more days of physical training, classroom instruction and martial arts sparring, Carrion said.

"This will be an easy day," he told the group before Wednesday's training.

Frustrated and fatigued after the drill, Cpl. David Gonzalez disagreed.

"It's pretty tough," Gonzalez said, panting as he wiped sweat



CINDY FISHER/Stars and Stripes

**Cpl. David Gonzalez, 21, grits his teeth as he struggles to do deep knee squats while carrying another Marine on his shoulders Wednesday at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, during the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor training course drill.**

from his face. "Probably one of the toughest things I've ever done."

By the end of the course, the students will leave with a green belt and the ability to teach Marine Corps Martial Arts Program techniques to other Marines, Carrion said.

But the rewards include more than a belt, the chief instructor said.

Explained Carrion: "We not only teach Marines to fight, we challenge them mentally and push their characters."

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## Gas prices going up in Pacific

Gasoline prices at Pacific bases will increase 6 to 8 cents per gallon again this weekend after one of the biggest hikes so far this year, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service said.

Military stations in Japan and Okinawa will charge \$2.27 per gallon for mid-grade unleaded gas beginning Saturday, AAFES reported.

South Korea facilities will charge \$2.40, and Guam stations will charge \$2.48 for unleaded.

The new pump prices are keeping pace with rising gas prices in the United States, according to the U.S. Energy Information Center.

Prices for unleaded gas in Japan, Okinawa, South Korea and Guam leaped 15 to 17 cents per gallon on May 16.

From staff reports

## Zama troops conduct chemical attack drill

By BRYCE S. DUBEE  
*Stars and Stripes*

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CAMP ZAMA, Japan — A grisly scene awaited Camp Zama first responders Wednesday morning when they encountered bloody casualties scattered in front of a tower housing unit, but the victims were role-players in a planned exercise.

The training scenario indicated a disgruntled soldier drove a van filled with explosives into the building.

But what was waiting inside was scarier.

Wednesday's chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive training unfolded with emergency personnel discovering that after the attacker had set off the bomb, he went inside the building to release deadly hydrogen cyanide gas.

Lt. Col. John Riley, the CBRNE division chief for U.S. Army Pacific based out of Fort Shafter, Hawaii, said each Army installation conducts an annual exercise involving response to a weapon of mass destruction.

This year's U.S. Army Garrison-Japan exercise involved about 50 people including military police, firefighters, Criminal Investigation Command

soldiers, and emergency medical services responders, base officials said.

A Navy explosive ordnance disposal team and a Naval Hospital Yokosuka emergency response team also participated.

While most of the exercise ran smoothly, it wouldn't be training unless some mistakes were made, officials said.

A miscommunication about the containment of the toxic gas led to medics rushing into aid the victims before the area was fully decontaminated, becoming victims themselves, Riley explained.

Along with meeting the annual training requirement, the exercise gave the base a chance to show its capabilities to local Japanese officials, said Edward Roper, a spokesman for U.S. Army Garrison Japan.

More than 30 local government, police and hospital officials observed the exercise, he said.

"Our goal is for the host nation to eventually participate in the exercise," he said.

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**Jacob Irdale, role-playing as an injured victim, lies in the grass awaiting rescue Wednesday during a Camp Zama, Japan, exercise that had emergency personnel responding to a mock explosion and simulated chemical weapons attack in a housing area on base.**

# Senate set to OK \$91.3B in war funding

BY ANDREW TAYLOR  
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's request for continuing military and diplomatic operations in Iraq and Afghanistan easily cleared a procedural test Thursday on its way toward a final vote later in the day.

The \$91.3 billion measure before the Senate closely tracks Obama's request for war funds, although the \$80 million he was seeking to close the U.S. naval prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was dropped Wednesday.

The 94-1 vote to limit debate paves the way for easy passage later on Thursday. A final House-Senate compromise is likely when Congress returns in June from a weeklong Memorial Day recess. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., cast the sole "no" vote.

Senate debate has featured none of the

angst over the situation in Afghanistan that permeated debate in the House last week on companion legislation. Obama is sending more than 20,000 additional troops there and, for the first time next year, the annual cost of the war in Afghanistan is projected to exceed the cost of fighting in Iraq.

With support forces, the number of U.S. forces in Afghanistan is expected to be about 68,000 by the end of the year — more than double the size of the U.S. force at the end of 2008.

The Senate bill includes \$1.5 billion as cautionary funding to fight a possible flu pandemic, including the current outbreak of H1N1 swine flu. It also provides a \$100 billion line of credit to the International Monetary Fund to shore up the ability of countries around the globe to cope with financial crises, as well as \$8 billion for existing commitments to the IMF.

Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., promised to try to strike the IMF funding from the bill on Thursday. The funding is estimated to cost taxpayers \$5 billion since the U.S. government is given interest-bearing assets in return.

The underlying war funding measure has gotten relatively little attention, even though it would boost total approved spending for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars above \$900 billion.

The Pentagon would receive \$73 billion under the legislation, including \$4.6 billion to train and equip Afghan and Iraqi security forces, \$400 million to train and equip Pakistan's security forces, and \$21.9 billion to procure new mine-resistant vehicles, aircraft, weapons and ammunition, among other items.

The House version adds \$11.8 billion to Obama's request, including almost \$4 billion for new weapons and military equip-

ment such as eight C-17 cargo planes, mine-resistant vehicles, Bradley fighting vehicles and Stryker armored vehicles. The measure adds \$2.2 billion to Obama's request for foreign aid — much of which appears to be designed to get around spending limits for 2010.

The Senate measure also includes \$6.9 billion in foreign aid, mainly for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq. There's also \$50 million to combat AIDS overseas and \$173 million for peacekeeping operations in Somalia and elsewhere.

The bill also contains \$350 million for various security programs along the U.S.-Mexico border. But the money would not be awarded to the Pentagon, which asked for it and had contingency plans to use it to send National Guard units to patrol the border.

## Fleet Week begins

*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — The U.S. Navy marked the opening of Fleet Week 2009 on Wednesday with a flyover by six military aircraft, and the city warned residents about the spectacle in advance to prevent a repeat of the panic that occurred when a jetliner zoomed past lower Manhattan three weeks ago.

Three F/A-18 Hornet fighters and two of the Marine Corps' V-22 Ospreys raced up the Hudson River at 1,000 feet as 13 U.S. and Canadian warships paraded past Manhattan's towers to begin the six-day event.

The city's Office of Emergency Management had issued a public reminder that the fly-by would occur, a notice not provided on April 27 when the Pentagon staged a low-level photo op flight by a presidential Boeing 747 past the Statue of Liberty and the site of the former World Trade Center that was destroyed by hijacked jetliners on Sept. 11, 2001.



Comedian Jimmy Kimmel, center, poses with a group of sailors Tuesday after a taping of "Live with Regis and Kelly" during Fleet Week.

Laurie L. Wood, U.S. Navy/AP

## Search goes on for final 2 crewmembers in helo crash

*The Associated Press*

SAN DIEGO — The Navy and Coast Guard were scouring the ocean early Thursday for two more members of a Navy flight crew whose helicopter went down on a training flight from an aircraft carrier, killing at least three, authorities said.

A team of Navy search and salvage spe-

cialists planned to use unmanned underwater vehicles to search for the wreckage of the HH-60 Seahawk that crashed late Tuesday night after taking off from the USS Nimitz, the Navy said in a statement.

Three bodies were recovered Wednesday, said Lt. Karin Burzynski, spokeswoman for the Navy's 3rd Fleet in San Diego.

The search continued in an area near

the uninhabited Coronado Islands 13 miles southwest of San Diego off the northwest coast of Mexico, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Jetta Disco.

Some debris was found Wednesday.

The crewmembers could be expected to survive about 36 hours after the crash, based on water temperature, body weight and other factors, Disco said.

## Chiarelli: GIs' substance abuse often overlooked

BY JAMES WARDEN  
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*Stars and Stripes*

Installations are reporting that hundreds of soldiers who have engaged in substance abuse have not been pushed to seek treatment, according to the Army vice chief of staff.

Gen. Peter Chiarelli wrote in a May 8 memo to Army leaders that soldiers involved in "substance abuse-related misconduct (including multiple positive urinalyses)" were not processed for possible discharge as required under the regulations, USA Today first reported on Thursday.

Many soldiers also were not

sent to the Army Substance Abuse Program for help. Army regulations require unit commanders to refer individuals "suspected or identified" as substance abusers to the program's counseling center for screening. The memo said that there is a shortage of qualified counselors at the installation level and pressed commanders to speed up hiring.

"Our soldiers need this resource and I expect you to provide it for them," Chiarelli wrote.

USA Today reported that in a meeting with top staff officers Monday, Chiarelli said he is most worried that commanders feel pressured to keep their numbers up for combat deployments, something noncommissioned

officers told him during recent visits to six Army installations to examine soldiers' stress and address the record number of Army suicides.

Chiarelli said identifying and treating substance abuse will improve soldiers' mental health and curb suicides, according to the USA Today report.

The Army had a record 143 confirmed or suspected suicides in 2008.

A military spokeswoman said that among a group of 1,000 soldiers who tested positive for drugs at one installation, 373 had failed the same drug test previously. Other installations reported similar numbers.

In a statement Thursday, Chi-

arelli stressed that substance abuse is not the sole reason for suicides.

"We are dealing with a tired and stressed force after seven plus years at war," he said in the statement. "That stress manifests itself in many different ways."

He also said his memo was meant to be a reminder of the resources available to deal with substance abuse problems.

"We need to help those struggling with substance abuse; however, when they either refuse help or return to a pattern of abuse after receiving help, we have a responsibility to take action in accordance with regulations," he said.

## Terror suspect pleads guilty to aiding al-Qaida

BY ELIZABETH DUNBAR  
*The Associated Press*

MINNEAPOLIS — A 35-year-old terror suspect who has been held in solitary confinement for more than five years pleaded guilty Wednesday to conspiring to provide support and resources to al-Qaida, federal prosecutors announced Wednesday.

Mohammed Abdullah Warsame's guilty plea comes about two weeks after his attorneys asked that he be released while awaiting trial on charges that also included lying to the FBI.

As part of a plea agreement, he admitted to a single count of conspiring to support al-Qaida. The other charges will be dismissed.

Authorities have said Warsame, a Canadian of Somali descent, once dined with Osama bin Laden, fought with the Taliban and attended training camps in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Warsame is in federal custody, and it wasn't immediately clear whether he will be released or have to serve additional time after sentencing July 9.

While Warsame faces a statutory maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, the federal sentencing guidelines usually result in lesser sentences. The U.S. attorney's office said Warsame has agreed to be deported to Canada upon completion of his sentence.

Warsame's lead attorney, David Thomas, and Peter Erlinder, a William Mitchell College of Law professor who's been helping the defense, did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment.

Until Wednesday, Warsame had said he never knowingly attended an al-Qaida training camp. At a hearing earlier this month, Warsame told U.S. District Court Judge John Tunheim he should be released until trial.

"This is unfair, sir. I've been here a long time," he said.

# At memorial, troops struggle with Camp Liberty shootings

By SETH ROBSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

**GRAFENWÖHR, Germany** — The commander of Task Force 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment has urged his men to move past the horror and anger caused by the alleged murder of two comrades by another U.S. soldier.

Lt. Col. Louis B. Rago II made the plea during a memorial in Iraq for Sgt. Christian E. Bueno-Galdos and Pfc. Michael Yates, who were killed May 4 at Camp Liberty in Iraq when Army Sgt. John M. Russell allegedly opened fire at a combat stress control center. Three other servicemembers also were killed in the shootings.

Rago's words from the Iraq ceremony last Saturday were read at a memorial ceremony at Grafenwöhr on Thursday.

Soldiers can understand and accept the pain of losing comrades in battle, Rago said.

"But, losing comrades in the manner in which we have lost Christian and Michael is far more difficult to understand," he said. "Many of us are filled with anger. Many of us share the disbelief that something like this could happen to an American soldier, let alone two of our own."

"It is confusing and very hard to accept. But, accept it we must."

"We must move beyond the terrible circumstance. We must honor our fallen brothers by remembering their service — the

way they served and lived, not the way they died."

Bueno-Galdos, 25, was an energetic leader who played a key role in keeping the Task Force Headquarters Company running while Yates was an eager young cavalry scout focused on earning combat spurs, he said.

The dead soldiers' company commander, Capt. Kevin W. Bukowski, whose words from the Iraq ceremony were also read at Thursday's service, said the pair died in "circumstances that one thinks could have been avoided due to any number of factors."

"Yates was the definition of the word 'hard-charger.' Whenever the scouts were doing something cool, I knew Yates would be at the forefront with that grin of his."

Yates, 19, was exactly the kind of trooper needed in the scout platoon — a scrapper who wasn't afraid to lock horns, Bukowski said.

Russell, of the Bamberg, Germany-based 54th Engineer Battalion, has been charged with five counts of murder and one count of aggravated assault in the Baghdad shootings, The Associated Press reported.

Also killed in the shootings were Navy Cmdr. Charles Sprangle, 52; Army reservist Maj. Matthew Houseal, 54; and Spc. Jacob Barton, 20.

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LOAY HAMEED/AP

An Iraqi policeman stands by the car in which four people were killed in a blast that apparently targeted a U.S. military patrol in Baghdad on Thursday.

## Three GIs killed in blast

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN  
*The Associated Press*

**BAGHDAD** — Three American soldiers were killed Thursday in a bombing in Baghdad, the U.S. military said, part of a burst of violence only weeks before American combat troops are due to leave Iraqi cities.

The attack was one of a series of bombings to hit Baghdad and the northern city of Kirkuk, killing at least 66 people and wounding dozens more in two days.

The deadliest blast Thursday occurred in Baghdad's southern Dora district, where a bomb exploded near an American foot patrol, U.S. and Iraqi officials said.

The U.S. military initially reported nine U.S. personnel were wounded in the attack. Later, the military said it could not confirm that number because the injured were still being evaluated and treated.

The attack occurred about 10:38 a.m. as the soldiers patrolled near an outdoor market, said Army Maj. David Shoupe.

Iraqi police said a suicide bomber was responsi-

ble, but Shoupe said the U.S. could not confirm that. He said four civilians died in the blast, but Iraqi police and hospital officials put the civilian toll at 12 killed and 25 wounded.

Earlier Thursday, another suicide bomber killed seven U.S.-backed Sunni paramilitaries as they waited in a line to receive salaries at an Iraqi military base in the northern city of Kirkuk.

Police Maj. Salam Zankana said the victims in the Kirkuk attack were members of the local paramilitary Awakening Council — Sunnis who turned against the insurgents and help provide security. Eight others were wounded, he said.

Awakening Council members, also known as "Sons of Iraq," have been frequently targeted by al-Qaida and other Sunni groups still fighting U.S. troops and the U.S.-backed Iraqi government.

Also Thursday, a bomb exploded inside a police station in western Baghdad, killing three policemen and wounding 19 others, an Iraqi police official said. The bomb was hidden inside a trash can and carried into the station, he added.

## Ex-soldier given life in Iraq rape-murder

By BRETT BARROUQUERE  
*The Associated Press*

**PADUCAH, Ky.** — An ex-soldier convicted of raping and killing an Iraqi teen and murdering her family was spared the death penalty Thursday and will serve a life sentence after jurors couldn't agree unanimously on a punishment.

Former Pfc. Steven Dale Green of Midland, Texas, will be formally sentenced Sept. 4 by U.S. District Judge Thomas B. Russell. Jurors who convicted Green on May 7 told Russell they couldn't agree on the appropriate sentence after deliberating more than 10 hours over two days.

In a March 2006 attack in Mahmudiya, south of Baghdad, Green and three other soldiers went to the home of 14-year-old Abeer Qassim al-Janabi. Green shot and killed the teen's mother, father and sister, then became the third soldier to rape the girl before killing her.

Green's attorneys never denied

Green's involvement in the attack. Instead, they focused on trying to build a case that Green didn't deserve the death penalty.

Defense attorneys presented former Marines and other soldiers. Green served with who testified that Green faced an unusually stressful combat tour in Iraq in a unit that suffered heavy casualties and didn't receive sufficient Army leadership while serving in Iraq's "Triangle of Death."

Enemy attacks killed two command sergeants, a lieutenant and a specialist in Green's unit during 12 days in December 2005. Jurors also were told that Green's unit was left alone to run a traffic checkpoint for several weeks without a break.

Green's father, John, and brother, Doug, sighed as the verdict was read.

"It's the better of two bad choices," said John Green, also of Midland, Texas.

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## KBR chairman defends wiring codes in Iraq

**WASHINGTON** — The chief executive of the military contractor under scrutiny in the electrocution of U.S. troops in Iraq said

Wednesday the electrical codes it used in the buildings it maintained in the war zone "were known and thought to be acceptable" by the Pentagon.

William Utt, chairman of KBR, said the company was not expected to meet the U.S. electrical code in a wartime environment. He said the company was striving to meet the British electrical code, which was more in line with the Iraqi electrical system.

Earlier Wednesday, Jim Childs, an electrical inspector hired by the Army to help review U.S.-run facilities in Iraq, testified before a congressional policy committee that 90 percent of KBR's wiring in newly constructed buildings in Iraq was not done properly, meaning an estimated 70,000 buildings where troops lived and worked were not safe.



Utt

## Gates says more troops won't help Afghan war

**WASHINGTON** — The Obama administration next spring should weigh whether its new tactics are winning the stalemate war in Afghanistan, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Wednesday, adding that he doubts that any more infusions of U.S. forces would help.

"Personally, I am going to take some convincing going significantly beyond the troop levels the president has already approved," Gates said.

President Barack Obama is sending 17,000 additional fighting forces into the areas of heaviest fighting this spring and summer in hopes of gaining a foothold against Taliban and other insurgents who now have nearly free rein over many areas.

## Military jet crashes in southern California

**CALIFORNIA CITY, Calif.** — A military jet has crashed north of Edwards Air Force base in southern California.

Kern County fire spokesman Sean Collins says the Talon T-38 went down about 1:30 p.m. local time Thursday in the Mojave Desert.

Collins said he had no immediate information on the crew.

From The Associated Press

## IN THE STATES

# 4 charged in alleged terror plot

**N.Y. synagogues, military plane said to be targets**

BY JIM FITZGERALD  
*The Associated Press*

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Four men arrested after planting what they thought were explosives near two New York City synagogues were disappointed that the World Trade Center wasn't still around to attack, a federal prosecutor said Thursday as the men appeared in court for the first time.

The suspects were arrested Wednesday night, shortly after planting a 37-pound mock explosive device in the trunk of a car outside the Riverdale Temple and two mock bombs in the backseat of a car outside the Riverdale Jewish Center, another synagogue a few blocks away, authorities said. Police blocked their escape with an 18-wheel truck, smashing their tinted SUV windows and apprehending the unarmed suspects.

Authorities said the men also plotted to shoot down a military plane.

James Cromitie, 55; David Williams, 28; Onta Williams, 32; and Laguerre Payen, all of Newburgh, were charged with conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction within the United States and conspiracy to acquire and use anti-aircraft missiles.

All the suspects except Payen appeared in federal court in White Plains on Thursday, their hands shackled to their waists. Payen was expected to appear in



DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

**David Winter, executive director of the Riverdale Jewish Center, right, gives a hug to member Rose Spindler outside the center in New York on Thursday. Four men due in court Thursday to face charges of plotting to bomb Jewish sites and shoot down military planes were arrested after planting what they thought were explosive devices near a synagogue and community center, authorities say.**

court later Thursday. Lawyers for the defendants, all of whom are U.S. citizens, did not seek bail.

In arguing against bail, Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric Snyder told the judge "it's hard to envision a more chilling plot" and described the men as "extremely violent."

They were "disappointed...that the best target (the World Trade Center) was hit already," he said, adding that the men were "eager

to bring death to Jews." He also said Cromitie wanted to see what he did on TV and be able to say, "I'm the one who did that."

Earlier, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly spoke at a news conference outside the Riverdale Jewish Center in the Bronx.

"They stated that they wanted to commit jihad," Kelly said. "They were disturbed about what happened in Afghanistan and Pakistan, that Muslims were

being killed."

Kelly said he believed the men knew each other through prison. They had long rap sheets for charges including drug possession and assault. During the hearing Cromitie told the judge he had used marijuana on Wednesday but was clear-headed enough to understand the proceedings.

An official told The Associated Press that three of the men are converts to Islam.

## Measure allowing guns in parks passes

BY MATTHEW DALY  
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — In a stinging defeat for gun-control advocates, Congress has voted to allow people to carry loaded guns in national parks and wildlife refuges.

The House approved the measure, 279-147, on Wednesday, one day after the Senate acted.

A total of 105 Democrats in the House joined 174 Republicans in supporting the gun measure, which essentially restores a Bush administration policy that briefly allowed loaded guns in national parks earlier this year. The measure, which is included in a bill imposing new restrictions on credit card companies, allows licensed gun owners to bring firearms into national parks and wildlife refuges as long as they are allowed by state law.

The vote was a bitter disappointment for gun-control proponents, who watched as a Democratic-controlled Congress handed a victory to gun-rights advocates that they did not achieve under Republican rule. Many blamed the National Rifle Association, which

pushed hard for the gun law.

"The NRA is basically taking over the House and Senate," said Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, D-N.Y., a leading gun-control supporter. "If the NRA wins, the American people are going to be the ones who lose."

Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., said liberals might believe that, "but the American people won't buy it."

"The fact is American gun owners are simply citizens who want to exercise their Second Amendment rights without running into confusing red tape," Hastings said.

Hastings and other Republicans said the bill merely aligns national parks and wildlife refuges with regulations governing the national forests and property controlled by the Bureau of Land Management.

The GOP called the current policy outdated and confusing to those who visit public lands, noting that merely traveling from state-owned parks to national parks meant some visitors were violating the law.

A majority of Democrats in both the House and Senate opposed the gun measure, but enough Democrats voted for the bill that the



McCarthy



Hastings

final tally in both chambers was not close.

Democratic leaders decided not to remove the gun provision after Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okl., was able to insert it into the popular credit card measure. Lawmakers and aides said there was not enough time to send the bill to a House-Senate conference committee — where it could be removed without a vote

— and still get it to President Barack Obama by Memorial Day as he has requested.

"There's a lot of momentum to get this done," said Rep. Raul Grijalva, R-Ariz.

Grijalva, chairman of national parks subcommittee, opposed the gun measure, but said the "sense of urgency from the White House" to

get the credit card bill approved, combined with the NRA's clout, were impossible to overcome.

Chris W. Cox, chief lobbyist for the NRA, said the group pushed for the gun measure but did not threaten anyone over the vote.

"Obviously this is an issue that affects our membership," Cox said. But to claim the NRA sets the agenda in Congress misrepresents the role that NRA plays in the process, he said.

**Ala. officers fired after '08 beating tape revealed**

*The Associated Press*

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Five Birmingham police officers were fired Wednesday for beating an unconscious suspect ejected from a car after a chase, an attack captured on a patrol car videotape that didn't surface publicly for a year.

Police Chief A.C. Roper said the officers, who were not identified, were seasoned veterans but acted in a "shameful" manner.

The video shows police pursuing Anthony Warren's van on Jan. 23, 2008. One officer on foot was hurt when the van swerved through traffic. It overturned on a ramp, ejecting Warren, who lay motionless as officers ran toward him. The video shows them beating him with their fists, feet and a billy club.

An attorney representing Warren in a civil case said he was hospitalized after the chase and didn't realize he'd been beaten until a prosecutor preparing for his trial requested the tape, saw the attack and told the defense about it.

Roper said the department had "terminated 50 years of combined service due to 10 seconds of injustice."

The officers can appeal.

Wendy Crew, an attorney for Warren, filed a claim against the city in March, the first step before filing a lawsuit seeking damages.

## Somali piracy suspect pleads not guilty

NEW YORK — A Somali teenager accused of leading a pirate attack on an American cargo ship off the coast of Africa pleaded not guilty Thursday to piracy charges.

A somber-looking Abdiwali Abdiqadir Muse entered the plea in a soft voice with his head down during a brief appearance in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

Afterward, his lawyers said Muse has been kept in solitary confinement since being captured in his impoverished nation and brought to the United States last month.

## Obama signs bill to assist homeowners

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said homeowners facing foreclosure would have a second chance under a measure he signed into law on Wednesday, but he added consumers must live within their means.

The law encourages banks to spare homeowners from foreclosure and cracks down on lenders who take advantage of them. The bill passed Congress earlier this week and Obama bypassed a promised five-day waiting period to make it law.

From The Associated Press

# U.S. records 10th fatality from swine flu

BY MIKE STARK  
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Swine flu forced Christina Huitron to make a choice no mother should have to make.

On Wednesday she told doctors to take her 21-year-old son off life support, making Marcos Sanchez the nation's 10th fatality associated with the newly discovered virus that continues to spread across the globe.

"I knew he was suffering," Christina Huitron told KSL-TV. "I don't know how he was feeling, but I just knew I had to do it because he was passing away slowly anyways, and I didn't want him to suffer anymore."

Sanchez checked into a suburban hospital Saturday, vomiting blood and burning with fever, Huitron told The Salt Lake Tribune. By Tuesday he was suffering from multiple organ failure.

Dr. David Sundwall, executive director of the Utah Department of Health, said Marcos, the state's first swine flu fatality, was overweight and had chronic medical conditions, including respiratory problems, that put him at risk.

"This is not a person who was overall genuinely healthy," Sundwall said.

Sanchez had not traveled recently. Dagmar Vitek, medical director for the Salt Lake Valley Health Department, said an investigation to determine how he con-

tracted the virus was under way. Utah has 122 confirmed cases of the virus.

In neighboring Arizona, health officials said Wednesday a 13-year-old boy from Tucson also has died from swine flu. The teenager died Friday of complications from the flu. He had been hospitalized since May 10.

Swine flu has sickened more than 11,000 people in 41 countries and killed 85, according to the World Health Organization, whose figures often trail those of individual countries. Mexico has reported 75 deaths, the U.S. 10, and one in both Canada and Costa Rica.

In New York City, officials, colleagues, friends and family gathered Wednesday at

a funeral home to remember Mitchell Winer, a 55-year-old assistant principal who died of swine flu Sunday.

"Whenever I needed help, I used to always go to him," student Jeffery Grey told reporters outside the funeral home. "I really don't know who to go to now when I need help."

Two more New York City public schools closed because of swine flu, bringing the number of city public and private schools shuttered within the last week to 23.

One school closed Thursday across the Hudson River in Fort Lee, N.J., another closed in Reno, Nev., and four schools closed in Lodi, Wis., after students were sickened.

## Texas boy wins geography bee



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Aileen Yang, left, of The Colony, Texas, laughs Wednesday while looking at the check her son Eric Yang, 13, right, won for placing first in the National Geographic Bee in Washington. Eric, who has been studying maps since age 2, won a \$25,000 scholarship after beating nine others in the final round.

## Need water in space? Urine luck these days

BY SETH BORENSTEIN  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — At the international space station, it was one small sip for man and a giant gulp of recycled urine for mankind.

Astronauts aboard the space station celebrated a space first on Wednesday by drinking water that had been recycled from their urine, sweat and water that condenses from exhaled air. They said "cheers," clicked drinking bags and toasted NASA workers on the ground who were sipping their own version of recycled drinking water.

"The taste is great," American astronaut Michael Barratt said. Then as Russian Gennady Padalka tried to catch little bubbles of the clear water floating in front of him, Barratt called the taste

"worth chasing."

He said the water came with labels that said: "drink this when real water is over 200 miles away."

The urine recycling system is needed for astronaut outposts on the moon and Mars. It also will save NASA money because it won't have to ship up as much water to the station by space shuttle or cargo rockets.

It's also crucial as the space station is about to expand from three people living on board to six.

The recycling system had been brought up to the space station last November by space shuttle Endeavour, but it couldn't be used until samples were tested back on Earth and a stuck valve was fixed on Monday.

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# IN THE WORLD

## San Marino and Japan top life-expectancy list, WHO says

The Associated Press

GENEVA — A girl born in Japan today will likely live to celebrate her 86th birthday, the longest life expectancy anywhere in the world. Men fare best in the tiny, wealthy European nation of San Marino, where the average boy will live to 81.

The West African country of Sierra Leone has the shortest life expectancy for men — just 39 — while Afghanistan fares badly for both sexes, with men and women living to 41 and 42 years respectively.

Those figures come from the World Health Organization, which announced its annual health statistics Thursday on the year 2007, the latest available.

The data showed that some countries have made remarkable progress in increasing life expectancy since 1990 — partly by ending wars, partly through successful health initiatives.

Eritrea increased its average life expectancy during that period by 33 years to 61 for men, and by 12 years to 65 for women. Angola, Bangladesh, Maldives, Niger and East Timor also increased their average life expectancies for both men and women by 10 years.

In the United States, the life expectancy was on the rise for both sexes, but not so dramatically: up to 76 from 72 years for men, and to 81 from 79 for women.

Other countries, meanwhile, showed a sharp decline since 1990, especially in Africa.

In Zimbabwe, a yearslong economic crisis and rampant inflation have created serious shortages of food and medicine and forced medical workers to flee the country. Those factors are among the reasons that women's life expectancy fell by 19 years to 44 and the men's average fell 12 years to 45.

WHO said the trend for deaths in young children was promising overall, with a global drop of 27 percent since 1990. Some 9 million children under 5 years old died in 2007, compared to 12.5 million in 1990.

"The decline in the death toll of children under five illustrates what can be achieved," said WHO's director of statistics, Ties Boerma.

The increased use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets for malaria, better access to vaccines and improved water and sanitation in developing countries are proving particularly effective, he said.

By SHAWN POGATCHIK  
The Associated Press

DUBLIN — The thousands of victims of Ireland's child-abuse homes spent decades just trying to get the public to believe them. A mammoth investigation has proved the horrors of their youth, but left many disappointed that their abusers were not named.

A nine-year probe into child abuse by Ireland's Catholic religious orders painted a damning portrait of a system that shielded child-molesters from justice and trapped generations of Ireland's poorest children to misery from the 1930s to the 1990s.

"I do genuinely believe that it would have been a further step towards our healing if our abusers had been named and shamed," said Christine Buckley, 62, who spent her first 18 years in a Dublin orphanage run by Sisters of Mercy nuns.

More than 30,000 children deemed to be petty thieves, truants or from dysfunctional families — a category that included unmarried mothers — were sent to the schools where the abuse took place.

Irish President Mary McAleese on Thursday denounced what she called an "atrocious betrayal of love" by Catholic clergy toward these children. She praised the victims for demanding the truth, despite Irish Catholic society's desire to doubt them and look the other way.



PETER MORRISON/AP

**John Kelly, of the Survivors of Child Abuse group, right, and Kevin Flannagan, brother of a child abuse victim, shout at members of the government-appointed Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse for being turned away from a news conference Wednesday in Dublin. A long-delayed investigation into Ireland's Roman Catholic-run institutions found priests and nuns terrorized thousands of kids for decades.**

"My heart goes out to the victims of this terrible injustice, an injustice compounded by the fact that they had to suffer in silence for so long," McAleese said. "This report utterly vindicates their determination to break that silence."

But the victims, now mostly in

their 50s to 80s, said Wednesday's 2,600-page report, despite its unprecedented scope and detail, did not make public what matters most — the names of their abusers.

That's because a religious order at the heart of the abuse charges — the Christian Brothers — suc-

cessfully sued the investigators to keep the identities of all their abusive members secret.

Buckley, the daughter of an unwed mother, said the orphanage was closed to the outside world and the children inside lived a life of slave labor manufacturing rosaries.

## Obama OKs plans for U.A.E. nuclear deal

The Associated Press

President Barack Obama has approved plans for the U.S. to help the United Arab Emirates become the first Arab nation with a nuclear power industry that will fuel the country's growing demand for electricity.

Obama's official backing of the pact, known as a "123 agreement," is praised by pro-business groups that say U.S. companies are now in the running for major construction work connected to the \$41 billion project.

The president's approval comes a few weeks after news organizations obtained a videotape showing a member of the country's royal family torturing a man.

The videotape led to criticism of the emirates' human rights record in the midst of an intense debate over U.S. interrogation methods.

Concerns have also been raised about the emirates' history as a transshipment point for sensitive technology moving into Iran. A small but vocal group of lawmakers have said they'll oppose the deal unless the United Arab Emirates takes stronger action to keep Iran from obtaining materials that could help it develop nuclear weapons.

Despite the objections, it's unlikely Capitol Hill will be a roadblock.

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## Indonesia may ground C-130s following crash

MAGETAN, Indonesia — Indonesia vowed to ground all its C-130 Hercules planes if it turns out mechanical problems caused a crash that killed nearly 100 people, as investigators sifted through the charred wreckage Thursday in search of answers.

It was the third accident involving a military aircraft in just two

months and followed complaints the air force was struggling to maintain its aging fleet and hold on to experienced pilots.

The plane that plummeted to the ground Wednesday — slamming into several houses then skidding into a rice field, where it burst into flames — was almost three decades old.

But military spokesman Sagom Tamboen insisted it was in good condition, passing both a maintenance and flight check ear-

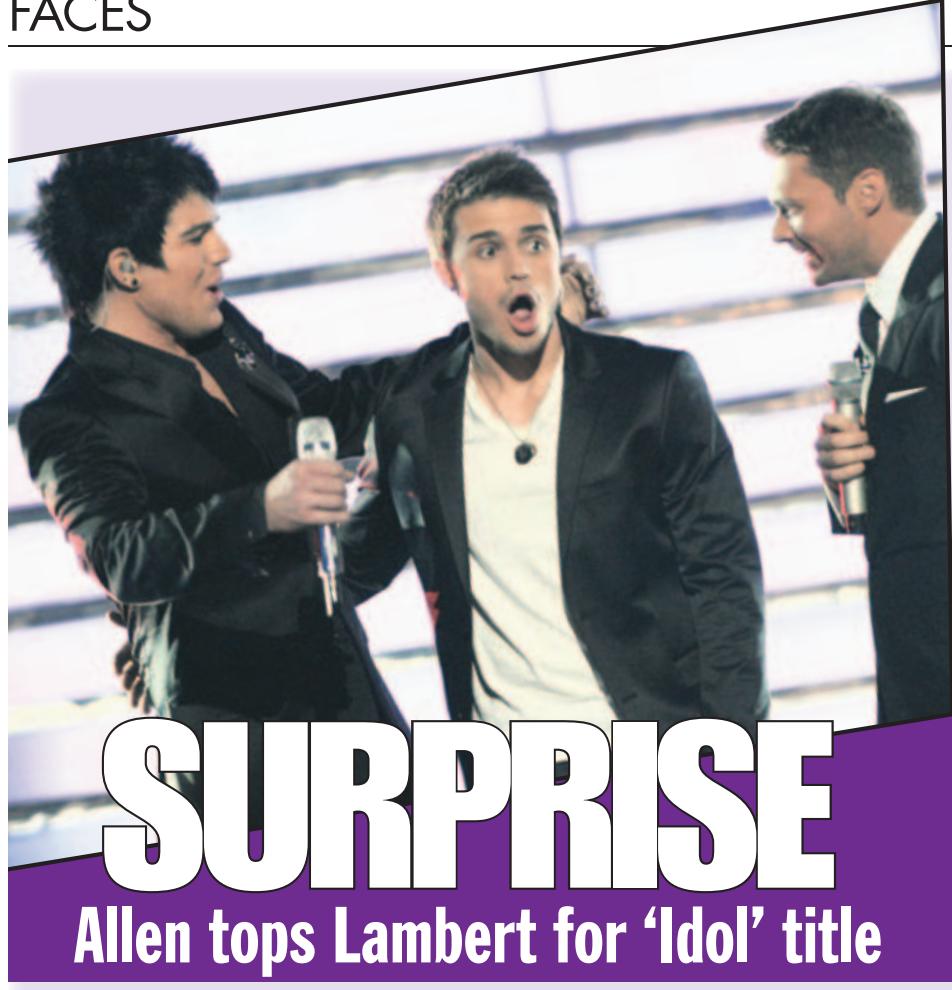
lier this week. Others noted that skies were clear and that while pilots were communicating with air traffic control, they gave no indication they were having problems.

There were 110 people on the C-130, which was carrying troops and their families from the capital, Jakarta, to Indonesia's easternmost province of Papua, home to a decades-long insurgency.

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# FACES



# SURPRISE

## Allen tops Lambert for 'Idol' title

**K**ris Allen beamed with disbelief, shook his head as if to reject that this was really happening and doubled over in shock.

The fact that he'd just beaten rolicking vocal powerhouse Adam Lambert for the "American Idol" title wasn't going to sink in quickly for the unassuming underdog from Arkansas.

The only downside to this stunning victory: He was going to have to sing "No Boundaries" one more time.

**"I'm sorry, I don't even know what to feel right now. This is crazy."**

— Kris Allen,  
reacting to winning

"I'm sorry, I don't even know what to feel right now. This is crazy," said the 23-year-old from Conway, Ark., as he leaned on host Ryan Seacrest to keep from staggering.

Allen's smooth vocals and boy-next-door image gave him the edge after nearly 100 million viewer votes were cast, turning the theatrical Lambert into the most unlikely of also-rans. When the season started, Allen seemed unsure he had a right to take center stage, let alone stand there and snatch victory from such a formidable rival.

During his "Idol" audition last summer, Allen, hands in his pockets and a newsboy cap pulled down around his eyes, was asked by the judges if he

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**Kris Allen, center, reacts after "American Idol" host Ryan Seacrest, right, announces that he is the winner of the competition. The 23-year-old beat out Adam Lambert, left.**

was the best singer around.

"You know, there's probably people who are better than me," was Allen's response, offered in the quiet, low-key spirit he retained despite his growing profile.

Conversely, Lambert's commanding vocal range and stage presence — and the judges' lavish adoration — at times turned "Idol" into "The Adam Lambert Show," with the other contestants mere guests.

Cowell tipped his hat to both contestants Wednesday night, who shared a moment of musical camaraderie when they joined with Queen on the rock anthem "We Are the Champions."

"To both of you, and I don't normally mean this, I thought you were both brilliant ... the future's all yours," the judge said.

"Adam did win. So did Kris. Nobody lost tonight. These are two champions," said Kiss guitarist Paul Stanley from backstage.

The comments from Cowell and Stanley aren't necessarily empty platitudes. Past contestants can testify that losing the title doesn't mean you're a loser, nor does winning mean you're a shoo-in for superstardom.

Earlier this week, Allen said he hoped the outcome wouldn't be decided by "having the Christian vote." "I hope it has to do with your talent and the performance that you give and the package that you have. It's not about religion and all that kind of stuff," he said.

Added Lambert: "It's about music. That's really important to keep in mind."

— Lynn Elber/  
The Associated Press

## You redo the math

Recent gossip and a pesky paparazzi ambush have detonated a marital-woe bomb in the world of "Jon & Kate Plus 8," the TLC reality show about Jon and Kate Gosselin, the Pennsylvania couple who have twins and sextuplets. Is he dating around? Is she? Has he finally had it with her nagging? Are they going to stick together? The uncertainty!

While we wait for more fireworks (and the series's May 25 return), maybe it's time for a new show title. Joel McHale of "The Soup" has already referred to it as "Jon Minus Nine." OK, this is a tad cruel but what about ...

- "Jon & Kate Plus Court Dates"
- "Jon & Kate Mediate"
- "Jon & Kate: Mady's Revenge"
- "Jon & Kate on a Hot Tin Roof"
- "Jon & Kate Plus 8 Things I Hate About You"
- "Jon & Kate: The Shaming of the Shrew"
- "Jon & Kate: Harpy Days"
- "Jon & Kate: The Hateful Bunch"
- "Jon & Kate Plus 8 Plus Appearance Fees Plus Book Deals Times Ladies' Night Drink Specials Divided by Paparazzi Over the Square Root of Scandal = Sweet Schadenfreude"

• "Jon & Kate: Cold Silence"

— Monica Hesse  
and Hank Stuever/  
The Washington Post

## Chace Crawford is new 'Footloose' lead

**C**hace Crawford is stepping into the starring role in the remake of "Footloose." The "Gossip Girl" actor will reprise the role that made Kevin Bacon a heartthrob back in 1984. Paramount Pictures said Tuesday that Crawford will star as Ren McCormack, the bad boy in a small town who brings everyone together with his daring moves.

Kenny Ortega, the mastermind behind the "High School Musical" movies, will direct. HSM star Zac Efron originally was set to play the part but dropped out of the project in March.

— The Associated Press

## 'Twilight' to dawn again

"Twilight" star Robert Pattinson has made it official: "Breaking Dawn," the fourth and final book in Stephenie Meyer's vampire saga, will be adapted for the big screen.

Pattinson confirmed the news Tuesday during the Cannes Film Festival, revealing that



Crawford

he is signed to star in all four "Twilight" films. The actor is shooting the second, "New Moon," with director Chris Weitz.

— Los Angeles Times

## DreamWorks: King biopic requires unity from family

DreamWorks still wants to make a movie about Martin Luther King Jr. "provided that there is unity" among his feuding children, the movie studio said Wednesday.

DreamWorks announced a deal this week with the King Estate for a major motion picture about the civil rights icon. Bernice King and Martin Luther King III immediately threatened legal action, saying they were not involved in negotiating it. King's son, Dexter, oversees the estate and signed off on the deal.

"The purpose of making a movie about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is to tell a great story which could bridge distances and bring people together," read the statement provided by DreamWorks spokesman Chip Sullivan. "We remain committed to pursuing a film chronicling Martin Luther King's life provided that there is unity in the family so

we can make a film about unity in our nation. We believe this is what Dr. King would have wanted."

Spokesmen for Martin Luther King III, Bernice King and Dexter King were not immediately available to comment on Dreamworks' statement.

Bernice King and King III have accused their brother of tarnishing their parents' legacy with his business decisions, and say he has been operating the King Estate for years without their input.

— The Associated Press

## Kidney transplant successful for Natalie Cole

Natalie Cole, 59, underwent successful kidney transplant surgery "and is resting comfortably," publicist Maureen O'Connor said Wednesday. Cole will postpone her summer tour, which was set to begin June 5 and run through November, as she recovers.

Cole had been receiving dialysis three times a week since September. She still continued to perform, even overseas, in support of her latest album, the Grammy-winning "Still Unforgettable." The kidney dialysis is unrelated to Cole's struggle with hepatitis C.

— The Associated Press



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## FAITH



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# 'From Sharon Stone to Jesus'

Hollywood screenwriter Eszterhas puts aside scandalous scripts and writes about God

BY TERRY MATTINGLY  
Scripps Howard News Service

Screenwriter Joe Eszterhas knows all about strange plot twists, and he is convinced that God often sends big messages in the final acts of people's lives.

Once a scandalous Hollywood insider, the author of twisted thrillers such as "Basic Instinct" and "Jagged Edge" can quote chapter and verse about life and death in Tinseltown.

Consider the ruthless movie mogul who died during a beach vacation when a metal bar fell from a construction crane and pierced his heart. Or how about the Casanova actor whose reputation made his testicular cancer a bit too ironic?

Eszterhas will name names, when confessing his own sins.

The screenwriter's egomaniacal tantrums were the stuff of legends, along with his appetite for alcohol, cocaine and first-person research for the lap-dancing scenes in "Showgirls." Then there was his foul, blasphemous mouth.

It was tempting to connect the dots when he was diagnosed with throat cancer in 2001, said Eszterhas, during his blunt and mildly profane testimony at Biola University's annual conference on faith and the entertainment industry. The resulting surgery claimed 80 percent of his larynx.

"Was it possible," he mused, in his one-foot-in-the-grave voice, "that God had to cut my throat?" Then he heard the harsh commandments for his new life.

"I adored my wife and children, so I tried," Eszterhas told the audience at CBS Studio Center. "I stopped smoking. I stopped drinking. I was trying my best to stay alive. I was trying my best not to die, but I knew that I couldn't do it."

Thus begins the wild conversion story he has shared many times, reading from his book, "Crossbearer: A Memoir of Faith." The turning point arrives with a weeping sinner on his knees, his heart skipping beats, his hands shaking, his voice moaning through his tracheotomy tube. Then Eszterhas hears his own voice mumbling strange words.

"I didn't know why I had said it. I had never said it before," he said. "Then I listened to myself say it again and again again."

"Please, God, help me. 'Please, God, help me.' 'Please, God, help me' ... I thought to myself, 'Me, asking God, begging God? Me, praying?'"

Then his pain was gone and he was staring into a bright light. He decided that, with God's help, "I could defeat myself and win, if I fought very hard and if I prayed. ... God saved me from me."

Condensed into the punchy talking points that sell screenplays, Eszterhas said his life has gone from "Malibu to Ohio, from booze to diet Sprite, from Spago to McDonald's, from Sharon Stone to Jesus."

Now he walks five miles and prays for an hour every day. With his second wife and their four sons, he worships at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Chagrin Falls, Ohio,

where he volunteers to carry the cross in Sunday Mass.

"The twisted little man" who wrote his scripts still lives in his head, he said, but is no longer in charge. The big question was whether Eszterhas could write without the tobacco, alcohol and deadly darkness that fueled his 16 screenplays, which became movies that grossed more than \$1 billion.

Eszterhas said he sat frozen at his old typewriter, feeling "like Jack Nicholson in 'The Shining.'" He faced a complete mental block until he pounded out: "This is how I found God or how God found me."

The memoir had to come first. Since then, Eszterhas has written two scripts, including a "narco-terrorism" thriller he thinks would fit Nicholson. He also wants to write a small-budget movie about Our Lady of Guadalupe. In an age in which Hollywood keeps remaking old blockbusters, he wonders why no one has produced spectacular digital versions of "The Silver Chalice," "The Robe" or "Quo Vadis."

While he wants to keep working, what Eszterhas can't imagine is writing the kinds of scripts that made him rich and famous.

"My head's not really in that place. I mean, the thing that I would like to do very much, in the time that I have left, in terms of my own screenwriting, is to ... write some things that reflect my faith," he said. The goal would be to put "the same kind of energy, ... into doing faith-based films that I think can really be commercially viable, that I put into other films of a different sort that became commercially successful."

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9:00	CSI: Miami "Going, Going, Gone"	(8:30) Movie "The Rescuers Down Under" (1990)	Movie "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant won an heiress.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon Revisited	Mad About You	NBA Shootaround	(8:00) Sports
9:30	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World Curious George	Hannity	Dr. Phil	State Dept Briefing	Living Single	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.		
10:00	Dr. Phil	Higglytown Heroes LazyTown	(-10) Movie "Sliding Doors" (1998) Gwyneth Paltrow, John Lynch. A woman experiences an alternate reality.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:30	CBS Evening News	Handy Manny	Special Report With Bret Baier	Everybody-Raymond	AFN Europe Report	Sun City Soldier	E! News		
12:00	ESPN News	Dora the Explorer	Judge Judy	Access Hollywood	Fit For Duty	Battleground	Star Trek "The Corbomite Maneuver"		
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues Bear in House	Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull	Judge Judy	Around the Services	Briefing Encore	Roseanne	SportsCenter	
13:30	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street	Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	AFN Europe Report	Downrange	Giraffes		
14:00	World News-Gibson				Recon Revisited	Emril Live	NBA Fastbreak		
14:30	Sesame Street	Funnest Home Videos Planet's Funniest Animals	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	How Do I Look?	(-20) Baseball Tonight		
15:00			Tavis Smiley	Around the Services	Army Newswatch	Andrew Young Presents: In the Footsteps of Gandhi	SportsCenter		
15:30	The View	(3:50) Pok閙on (-40) Zatch Bell	Behind the Scenes	Nightly Business Report	ExChange on Air	King of the Hill	NHL Hockey Teams to Be Announced.	MTV Hits Playlist	
16:00	Dr. Phil	(-05) Movie "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" (2004) Voices of Tom Kenny, Jeff Bennett	The Big Tease	Nightline	Days of our Lives	Downrange	That '70s Show	X Play	
16:30	Judge Alex	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Today's Air Force	Army Newswatch	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	Futurama	
17:00	Everybody-Raymond	SpongeBob SquarePants	Entertainment Tonight	Around the Services	All Hands TV	Around the Services	Today's Air Force	The Simpsons	
17:30	Access Hollywood	Avatar-Last Air	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	The Biggest Loser	The Colbert Report	King of the Hill	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	Family Guy	
19:00	Judge Judy	The Naked Brothers Band	Today	Fit For Duty	Criss Angel Mindfreak	Downrange	How Do I Look?	World Series of Poker (Part 3 of 4)	
20:00	The Young and the Restless	iCarly "iFence"		Recon Revisited	My Name Is Earl	That '70s Show	REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel	World Series of Poker (Part 4 of 4)	
20:30	General Hospital	Wizards of Waverly Place			Chuck Chuck must prevent a new intersect.	Army Newswatch	SportsCenter	South Park	
21:00		Just Jordan	Movie "Alien vs. Predator" (2004) Sanaa Lathan, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl	Today	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	Brothers & Sisters "Book Burning"	Chuck Chuck must prevent a new intersect.	South Park	
21:30	Everybody Hates Chris				Pacific Report	Seinfeld "The Wizard"	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	South Park	
22:00	Days of our Lives	Heroes "Homecoming"			Briefing Encore	All Hands TV	Friends (Part 1 of 2)	Best Damn Sports Show Period	
22:30	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman	(10:55) Movie "Hellboy" (2004) Ron Perlman.	Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Friends (Part 1 of 2)	Today's Air Force	MLB Baseball Milwaukee Brewers at Houston Astros.	Attack of the Show!
23:00					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	Avatar: The Last Airbender	(10:55) Movie "Hellboy" (2004) Ron Perlman, John Hurt.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	Recon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) MLB Baseball Milwaukee Brewers at Houston Astros. From Minute Maid Park in Houston.	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	The Naked Brothers Band			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty	Scrubbs Carla goes into labor.		Futurama
1:00	Headline News	iCarly Carly plans a dinner.		Happening Now	The Grill Sergeants	Around the Services	My Name Is Earl		The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Wizards of Waverly Place	(-10) Movie "XXX: State of the Union" (2005, Action) Ice Cube, Agent XXX must thwart a plot to depose the president.		Judge Judy	Desperate Housewives	SportsCenter		Family Guy
2:00	The Biggest Loser	Just Jordan		Newsroom	CSI: Miami A Marine recruiter is murdered.	The American Veteran	"Come Play Wiz Me"		World Series of Poker (Part 3 of 4)
2:30		Everybody Hates Chris			MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Third Watch "Jimmy's Mountain"		World Series of Poker (Part 4 of 4)
3:00		Heroes "Homecoming"	(-05) Movie "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" (2003, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl.		Studio B With Shepard Smith	EXChange on Air	Seinfeld "The Wizard"		South Park
3:30	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Mothers and Daughters"	(-05) Movie "Alien vs. Predator" (2004) Sanaa Lathan, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl.		Dr. Phil	Battleground	ESPN News		South Park
4:00		Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	(-05) Movie "Alien vs. Predator" (2004) Sanaa Lathan, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Good Morning America	Around the Services	Friends (Part 1 of 2)		College Football Live
4:30	Headline News	Barney & Friends			Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	This Week in the Pentagon		South Park "Die Hippie, Die"
5:00	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Sesame Street				Downrange	Kiana's Flex Appeal		Best Damn Sports Show Period
6:00	Late Show With David Letterman					Easy Entertaining	National Guard News		
6:30		Viva Pinata				Around the Services	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		
7:00	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Clifford's Puppy Days	Movie "The X-Files" (1998) David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson, FBI agents Mulder and Scully probe the existence of aliens.			Ace of Cakes	Jim Rome Is Burning		
7:30	Judge Judy	Ni Hao, Kai-lan					Around the Horn		Attack of the Show!
8:00	CSI: Miami A Marine recruiter is murdered.	Raggs					Pardon the Interruption		
9:00	Phineas and Ferb								MTV Hits Playlist
9:30	Oprah Winfrey	Ben 10							
10:00		Dragonball GT							
10:30	Dr. Phil	My Life as a Teenage Robot							
11:00	Kenny the Shark	Kenny the Shark	(-10) Movie "Mission to Mars" (2000) Gary Sinise, Tim Robbins. A team goes to Mars to recover an earlier expedition.						
11:30	Phineas and Ferb								
12:00	CBS Evening News	Teen Kids News							
12:30	ESPN News	Grossology							
13:00	NBC Nightly News	Out There	(-15) Movie "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" (2003, Fantasy) Sean Connery, Shane West. Literary figures unite to stop a mad bomber.						
13:30	World News-Gibson	Lizzie McGuire	(-20) Movie "Phone Booth" (2002, Suspense) Colin Farrell, Kiefer Sutherland.						
14:00	Connie the Cow	The Crocodile Hunter							
14:30	Ribert & Robert's	"Traveling the Dingo Fence"							
15:00	Sonic the Hedgehog	Animal Miracles "Caleigh's Dance"							
15:30	Danny Phantom								
16:00	Naruto	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys "Highway to Hades"							
16:30	Daryl's Wild Life								
17:00	Entertainment Studios.com	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "On the Waterfront" (1954, Drama) Marlon Brando. An uneducated dockworker challenges a powerful racketeer.						
17:30	Criss Angel Mindfreak	The Fairly OddParents	(-20) Movie "Phone Booth" (2002, Suspense) Colin Farrell, Kiefer Sutherland.						
18:00	Engineering an Empire	The Universe Jupiter has more than 60 moons.							
18:30	Access Hollywood	Movie "Kit Kittredge: An American Girl" (2008) Abigail Breslin, Joan Cusack, Kinnear. Outnumbered U.S. troops battle the North Vietnamese.							
19:00	Deadliest Catch "The Final Run" Offload.								
20:00	Law & Order "Release"	(41) American Idol Remaining finalists perform.							
20:30		(35) American Idol The winner is revealed.							
21:00	Law & Order A bestselling memoir writer is dead.								
21:30	Medal of Honor								
22:00									
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23:00									
23:30		The Simpsons							

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# Rising gas prices still far below 2008 levels



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

**Mark Croft, left, and Yorell Grovas pump gas at a BP station in a Southside Chicago neighborhood on Wednesday.**

## WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

### INDEXES

52-week High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,136.69	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,422.04	-52.81	-.62	-4.04	-33.16
5,536.57	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,139.61	-1.75	-.06	-11.24	-40.11
530.57	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	330.68	-5.33	-1.59	-10.81	-36.81
9,687.24	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	5,870.39	-1.83	-.03	+1.97	-37.53
2,433.31	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,533.30	+29.37	+1.95	+9.72	-36.05
2,551.47	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,727.84	-6.70	-.39	+9.56	-29.43
1,440.24	666.79	S&P 500	903.47	-4.66	-.51	+0.02	-35.04
897.37	397.97	S&P MidCap	564.26	-3.52	-.62	+4.83	-34.85
14,564.81	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,241.19	-41.55	-.45	+1.69	-34.39
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	489.35	-3.91	-.79	-2.02	-32.70

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### AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	
Bkfstn	9902206	11.49	+.24	PSCruudeL	n	331503	3.75	+.21	PwShs QQQ	1222413	34.28	-.12
Citigrp	3745212	3.69	-.08	Hemisphr	200383	1.70	.27	DryShips	615216	6.79	-.37	
DirxFinBear	3447550	5.41	+.34	EldorGld g	60324	9.22	+.90	Intel	581344	15.58	-.07	
DirxFinBull	2958612	9.06	-.65	Oilsands g	42441	1.02	+.03	Cisco	484062	18.80	-.28	
SPDR Fund	2646412	90.51	-.51	LndNatlStr g	395207	2.00	+.16	Microsoft	470955	20.38	+.07	
SPDR Fund	11,264.45	11.77	-.39	NatGas g	34207	1.97	+.11	Nvidia	322774	9.73	+.28	
WellsFargo	1215136	24.46	-.99	NwGold g	26548	2.14	+.10	Dell Inc	289458	11.18	-.38	
GenElect	1124771	13.77	+.07	GranTran g	26409	2.68	+.08	OceanFrt	287983	1.81	+.02	
RegionsFn	956486	4.89	-.35	NovalGd g	23544	4.06	+.20	Orade	285151	18.94	-.03	
FordM	945187	5.41	-.22	Taseko g	20310	1.56	+.10					

### KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

### KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	Name	NAV	Chg.	% Ret.	YTD % Chg
Alliant Technosystem	... 20	87.26	+1.63	+1.7			Fidelity Invest: GroCo	53.53	-.20	+9.3	
Boeing	1.68	44.58	-.04	+4.5			Fidelity Spartan: Eqdlnv	32.05	-.16	+1.2	
Computer Sciences	6	37.15	+.03	+5.1			Fidelity Invest: USBI	10.87	+.04	+2.4	
General Dynamics	1.52	9	+.20	+1.7			Fidelity Invest: Hldngs	13.89	-.09	+4	
General Electric	.40	9	13.77	+.07	+1.50		Fidelity Invest: Orvsaa	26.29	+.23	+4.8	
Halliburton	36	15	22.24	+.30	+22.3		Fidelity Invest: Amgr50	11.83	+.02	+9.8	
Harris Corp.	.80	13	30.67	-.38	-14.8		Amer Century Inv: Ultra	15.36	-.02	+6.3	
Allied Signal	1.21	10	33.05	-.04	+.7		Putnam Funds A: GrhnA p	9.63	-.07	+3.1	
L-3 Communications	1.40	10	73.21	-.89	-.8		AIM Investments A: ChartA p	12.37	-.04	+6.5	
Lockheed Martin	2.28	11	82.48	+1.94	-1.9		AIM Investments A: Const p	16.73	+.03	-.7	
NorthropG	1.72	10	49.71	+.88	+9.2		Frank/Temp Frnk A: SMCpGr	22.51	-.04	+10.9	
Raytheon	1.24	11	11.72	+.23	+12.6		DWS Invest S: GroIncs	11.45	-.01	+4.9	
Rockwell Intl.	1.16	11	31.97	-.94	-8		Fidelity Advisor T: GrOpnT	21.66	-.07	+13.8	
Texas Instruments	.44	19	18.40	+.32	+18.6		DWS Invest S: InfFdS	36.91	+.47	+6.5	
Textron Inc.	.08	9	11.64	-.29	-16.1		Putnam Funds A: GbEqty p	6.68	+.05	+4.9	
United Technologies	1.54	11	51.74	-.56	-3.5		Lord Abbett A: DevGA p	12.00	-.06	+13.1	
							Fidelity Advisor T: OrvseaT	13.78	+.08	+2.6	
							DWS Invest S: CorpInc	9.81	+.05	+2.8	

### PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close			
Gold			\$928.00
Silver			\$14.020
INTEREST RATES			

Prime rate	.....	3.25
Discount rate	.....	0.50
Federal funds market rate	.....	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	.....	0.16
30-year bond	.....	4.10

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

### GAS PRICES

Country	Unleaded	Super unleaded	Super plus	Diesel
Japan/Okinawa Change in price	--	\$2.269 +7.2 cents	--	\$2.076 +1.5 cents
South Korea Change in price	\$2.402 +6.9 cents	--	+2.633 +7.3 cents	\$2.324 +1.5 cents
Guam Change in price	\$2.489* +6.0 cents	\$2.609 +7.0 cents	\$2.729 +8.0 cents	--

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### BY JOHN PORRETO

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — As tens of millions tank up and hit the road for Memorial Day weekend, gas prices are rising fast enough to revive painful memories of the \$4-a-gallon summer of 2008.

Rest easy: The economic slack created by the recession all but guarantees prices won't spike the way they did last year, analysts say.

On Thursday, a gallon of unleaded averaged \$2.36. That's much cheaper than the \$3.80 it cost this time last year, but prices are still up about 30 cents a gallon this month, enough to make drivers flinch.

"Uh-oh," cab driver Jay Biyani said while filling up this week in Manhattan. "That's the first thing I say when I pull into this gas station each day. Right now it's not that bad, but it's a lot worse than two weeks ago."

Even so, the auto club AAA

estimates 32.4 million people, or about one in 10 Americans, will travel over the holiday, most of them driving. That's a slight 1.5 percent increase from 2008.

Vacations make a lot more sense for many families than they did last year. Airfares, hotels and tourist attractions are all cheaper this year because of the relentless recession.

Gas is no exception. For much of this year, there has been a glut of gasoline in storage around the country, keeping prices low. And demand has been light because of the poor economy.

But gasoline has jumped in May. Oil refineries are taking in less oil because of the glut in gas, and those cutbacks are showing up at the pump.

At the same time, prices are starting to rise for seasonal reasons. Americans drive more in summer, and federal and state laws require different, more expensive gasoline blends this time of year.

The trading markets are at work, too. By mid-February, the price of oil had fallen so far — below \$34 a barrel, compared with a peak of \$147 last July — that large investors couldn't resist buying in.

Investing momentum feeds on itself, and government data suggests speculative trades are on the rise, meaning people are buying in simply because they know they can sell for a quick profit.

"There's no lack of gasoline right now or the lack of ability to produce it, and anyone who says speculators are not playing a role in this run is delusional," said Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service.

The same thing happened last year, to a much greater extent. Be-

cause when the Wall Street crisis struck and the economy tanked, oil prices collapsed. Gas fell to \$1.61 by the end of the year.

Last May, U.S. motorists were spending about \$1.4 billion a day on gasoline, Kloza says. These days, it's only about \$874 million. And even though more people are traveling for Memorial Day, IHS Global Insight, which studies travel habits for AAA, expects Americans to take 20 million fewer trips from April to September than they did last year.

Even the kind of cataclysmic event that sends gas prices into a spike, like a hurricane in the oil-rich Gulf of Mexico, probably won't push gas past \$4 a gallon this summer, analysts say.

Last year, Hurricanes Gustav and Ike battered the Gulf, and gas shot to \$5 a gallon in some parts of the Southeast. But refineries were churning out gas at a much higher rate then.

This year, even if a hurricane knocked out refineries along the northern Texas coast, which account for about 20 percent of U.S. gas production, refineries in Louisiana and elsewhere could pick up the slack.

So how high will gas go? Darin Newsom, senior energy analyst at DTN in Omaha, Neb., said he expects the average price for regular unleaded to push \$2.80 a gallon this summer — higher than many other forecasts. Even if a devastating hurricane strikes, he thinks prices will stay below \$3.10 a gallon.

Still, even with average pump prices nearly a buck and half lower than they were a year ago, the recent increasing has some drivers fearing a repeat of last summer and tucking away money just in case.

## New jobless claims fall

### BY CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of newly laid-off Americans requesting unemployment insurance dropped slightly last week after spiking due to auto layoffs, while continuing jobless claims moved closer to 7 million.

The Labor Department said Thursday that initial claims for jobless benefits fell to a seasonally adjusted 631,000, down from a revised figure of 643,000 the previous week. That nearly matched analysts' expectations of 630,000 new claims.

Many economists said that while layoffs probably are still declining, they may not be doing so fast as had been hoped. New

jobless claims, which had dropped to a 14-week low of 605,000 earlier this month, are seen as a measure of the pace of layoffs.

Factory shutdowns by Chrysler LLC and General Motors Corp. likely will continue to inflate the claims figures until this summer, economists said. The shutdowns also could affect auto suppliers, which employ roughly 3 million workers.

The number of workers continuing to claim unemployment insurance rose to nearly 6.7 million from about 6.6 million, the department said. That's the highest total on records dating to 1967 and the 16th straight record. The continuing claims data lags initial claims by one week.



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# Two-state solution is only way forward

BY TRUDY RUBIN  
*The Philadelphia Inquirer*

When President Barack Obama met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the White House on Monday, their carefully chosen words failed to conceal basic disagreements.

The Israeli leader downplayed talks with the Palestinians and never uttered the phrase "two-state solution." Instead, Netanyahu focused on the danger to Israel and to the United States of Iran's developing nuclear weapons. He thanked Obama for "leaving all options on the table" — Bushian shorthand for keeping open the possibility of bombing Iran.

Yet Obama never used that phrase, although he did say his policy of seeking dialogue with Iran had time limits, after which he might seek stronger international sanctions. However, the president stated — contrary to Netanyahu — that progress on Israeli-Palestinian peace would strengthen America's hand in dealing with Iran.

Obama also made clear that the United States believes a two-state solution is essential for stability in the region. He asked Israel to live up to its past commitment to halt Jewish settlements on the West Bank — a commitment Netanyahu never mentioned.

Listening to Obama's oh-so-careful exchange with Netanyahu made me antsy. Here's what he might have said had he been more frank:

Prime Minister Netanyahu, the United States has a deep and special relationship with the state of Israel, whose security will always be of paramount concern.

However, we believe the greatest current security threat to our country and the world emanates from the nexus of Afghanistan and Pakistan, where jihadi terrorists with global goals could get their hands on nuclear weapons.

Unlike Iran, Pakistan already has dozens of weapons and is manufacturing more fissile material. Its leaders say those weapons

are safe, but no one can be certain about the future. Al-Qaida and its allies would have no qualms about using or handing off nuclear materiel to kill millions in the West. They also hate Israel.

So America must help Pakistan's government combat the jihadis and safeguard its nuclear weapons. Toward that same end, the United States must also help stabilize Afghanistan, which is threatened by a Taliban resurgence.

Until this goal is achieved, embarking on any other war in the region would be a serious strategic error.

A military strike against Iran — including any solo action by Israel — wouldn't end that country's program. But it would likely destroy U.S. efforts to bring the AfPak situation under control. It would also inflame the entire Middle East. There are other ways to approach — and, if necessary, contain — Iran's nuclear efforts.

As for the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians, you mustn't waste what may be the last, best chance for a negotiated solution.

Virtually all of the Sunni Arab nations in the Middle East are worried about Iran's growing power and are ready for a broader peace with Israel. I will ask their leaders for more concrete commitments when I visit the region in June.

But a broad Arab peace with Israel — envisioned in the Arab peace plan of 2002 — won't move forward unless Israel recommit to and pursues a two-state solution.

You say you can't restart talks because the Palestinian leadership is split between the radical Hamas and the Palestinian Authority on the West Bank? Then give the Palestinians and the Arab world a clear signal of your bona fides by stopping all Jewish settlement-building on the West Bank, as you pledged to do in previous agreements.

Such a move would provide breathing room for the peace process. It would give Arab countries the political cover with

their own publics to make further overtures toward Israel. A settlement freeze could also turn Palestinian public opinion against Hamas. This virtuous circle would, in turn, expand the Israeli majority that, according to polls, already favors a two-state solution.

On the other hand, if Israel keeps expanding settlements — and I understand a new one is going up as you stand here — this precludes any viable Palestinian state. Not only are the settlements killing prospects for a two-state solution; they are suicidal for the Jewish state. Israeli demographers point out that keeping control of the West Bank and Gaza will lead to an angry Arab majority within greater Israel within a couple of decades.

That is why I urge you to seize this moment. Progress toward a two-state solution is crucial, for both your country and mine.

Trudy Rubin is a columnist and editorial-board member for The Philadelphia Inquirer.

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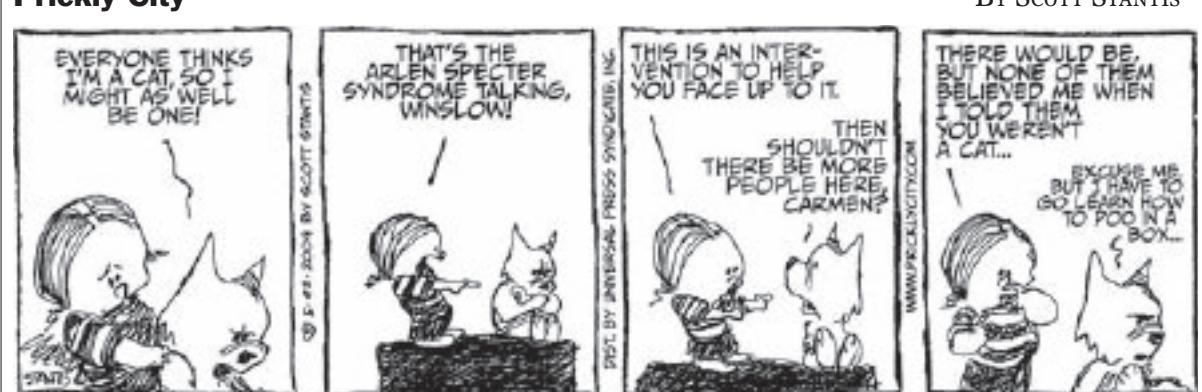
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# Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons



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## Counterfeiter gets 9 years in prison

**MA** BOSTON — A Ludlow man was sentenced to more than nine years in federal prison for counterfeiting U.S. money.

Federal prosecutors said Aldo Persichilli, 39, was sentenced for a variety of convictions, including counterfeiting U.S. currency, possessing counterfeit U.S. currency, possessing a Social Security card with the intent to alter it, and identity theft.

Persichilli was sentenced to nine years and three months in prison, followed by three years of probation, and fined more than \$258,000.

Prosecutors say Persichilli was caught in a Wilbraham hotel room in February 2007 with counterfeiting equipment and was trying to change his identity.

## Mississippi River reopens area where boats collided

**TN** MEMPHIS — A portion of the Mississippi is reopen for business downstream from Memphis, Tenn., after two towboats collided and forced it to shut down.

U.S. Coast Guard officials say the closure lasted for some 14 hours after the boats collided. No one was hurt.

Petty Officer Casey Ranel said the vessels Golden Eagle and Mary Ann collided about 100 miles downriver from Memphis near Helena, Ark.

No water pollution was found. But 26 barges broke free and had to be rounded up. All were recovered.

## Small plane found stuck in tree; pilot missing

**PA** MILFORD — A fire chief in northeastern Pennsylvania said a small plane was stuck in a tree about 20 feet above the ground but nobody knows who was flying it.

Dingman Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief William Mikulak said a woman in a kayak saw the single-engine Piper. The woman hadn't seen it the day before, so she alerted authorities.

Records show the plane is owned by Robert Stephanoff, of Piscataway, N.J., but it's unclear if he was flying it.

The fire chief said the plane was headed from an airport in Pennsylvania to Hancock, N.Y.

## Teacher accused of having sex with student

**TX** WACO — A Central Texas teacher and coach is accused of having sex with a teenage student.

Kyle Salisbury, 24, was charged with one count of indecency with a child and two counts each of sexual assault and improper relationship between an educator and a student. He remained in the McLennan County Jail in Waco on \$1 million bond.

He's been a science teacher, the assistant girls' basketball coach and the junior varsity girls' volleyball coach at Lorena High School.

During the investigation, Salis-



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bury told police officers that he had sex with the 14-year-old girl in April and May at his home in the Waco suburb of Woodway, the Waco Tribune-Herald reported.

### Hotels settle lawsuit over disabilities act

**NY** NEW YORK — Four Times Square area hotel owners and operators have agreed to modify their establishments to settle a federal lawsuit alleging they had violated the Americans with Disabilities Act.

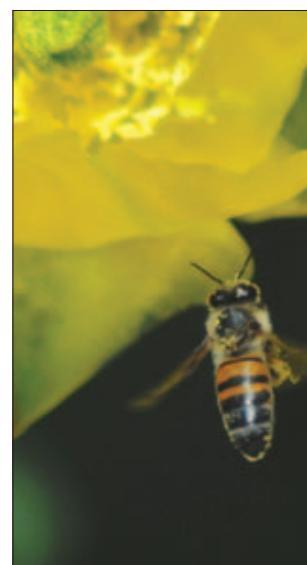
The U.S. Attorney's Office in Manhattan says the hotels are: the Moderne; the Ameritania; the Amsterdam Court; and the Radio City Suites. The case against a fifth hotel is pending.

The settlement resulted from a federal compliance review of 49 Theater District hotels started in 2005. Investigators said the hotels lacked barrier free lobbies and rooms as well as accessible registration counters and public restrooms.

### Copper thief gets 10 years behind bars

**HI** HONOLULU — One of the leaders of a gang of copper thieves on Oahu has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Regina Foster had pleaded guilty to conspiracy, racketeering and money laundering for the thefts that darkened portions of Oahu's H-1 and H-2 freeways for



Busy bee

A bee descends on a blooming cactus flower at Cielo Grande Recreation Area in Roswell, N.M.

two years. She is the wife of James "Freeway Jimmy" Taylor Jr. He is to be sentenced next month after pleading guilty to the same offenses.

Guilty pleas have now been entered by nine of the original 10 defendants.

Deputy City Prosecutor Christopher Van Marter said the gang struck a dozen freeway sites, stripping out 72,000 pounds of wire worth \$563,000.

### Boy accused of killing brother, shooting mother

**CO** COLORADO SPRINGS — A 13-year-old boy is accused of killing his younger brother and wounding their mother at the family's northeast Colorado Springs home.

Police said the mother, 38-year-old Marina Gudino, called for help after being shot and stabbed. She is in stable condition at a Colorado Springs hospital.

Ulysses Gudino, 9, died at the family's home.

Colorado Springs police Lt. David Whitlock said the 13-year-old boy has been arrested on suspicion of first-degree murder and first-degree attempted murder.

A 7-year-old sister inside the home wasn't injured. The father, 40-year-old Ulises Gudino, and a 12-year-old brother weren't at home.

### Condor's lead poisoning death highlights threat

**CA** PINNACLES NATIONAL MONUMENT — No. 286 had been a hopeful sign in this park's California condor restoration effort. Hatched in a zoo seven years ago, he was the old man of the program, living wild and nearly ready to breed.

This month he succumbed to the biggest killer of the once nearly extinct species: lead poisoning.

There are signs that a year-old state ban on lead bullets has begun to help the endangered vultures, but defiance by at least a few hunters and setbacks like the death of No. 286 have researchers worried that the majestic birds remain far from having a solid footing in their natural habitat.

Lead poisoning has been a major threat to the scavengers. It has killed at least 14 condors in California since 1992, and about a dozen in Arizona since 1996.

### City settles lawsuit over Taser arrest

**VT** RUTLAND — The city of Rutland will pay \$10,000 to settle a lawsuit by a man who charged that police use of a Taser stun gun while arresting him amounted to excessive force.

The Rutland Herald reports that George Griffin Jr. was 19 in July 2007 when police confronted him during a downtown festival after they got a report of a young man trying to pick fights.

Griffin ended up charged with disorderly conduct and alcohol consumption by a minor.

A police report said Officer Ed Dumas used a Taser on Griffin after he was in handcuffs but was resisting getting into a cruiser and having a seat belt put on him.



### Fighting mother nature

walking in downtown Jacksonville, Fla.

A man holds an umbrella as he battles the wind and rain while walking in downtown Jacksonville, Fla.



### Seeing double

Firefighters are reflected on a water tender during a training exercise as they prepare to assemble for a group photo in front of a burning house in Eugene, Ore.



### Floating free

A jellyfish swims off the coast near Phippsburg, Maine.



## Dog-paddling

**Steve Antonacci** paddles his kayak from his flooded home on Bonati Lane in Chillicothe, Ill., to reach dry ground and walk his boxers **Cookie** and **Butters**. Antonacci has become used to dealing with high water and was forced to rely on his kayak during flooding in March as well.



## Eagles: The early years

**Three sibling bald eaglets** were recently hatched at **Eagle Mountain Sanctuary** in Tennessee. The eaglets and their non-releasable parents are cared for by the non-profit American Eagle Foundation. The birds will be released into the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains at 13 weeks of age.



## Goodbye, Earth

The Air Force Research Laboratory's TacSat-3 satellite is launched aboard an Air Force Minotaur I rocket at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility near Atlantic, Va.



**Living long, prospering and having fun** Star Trek fans **Darlene Blander-Chamble**, left, **Jason Sanchez** and **Joseph White** give the Vulcan salute in New York.

## Businessman accused of denture-removal theft

**NY** NEW YORK — A businessman is accused of ordering an associate to take out his dentures at gunpoint.

Staten Island resident Joseph Nativo concedes he made the denture demand during an argument over money.

But he denies it was a theft; Nativo said he paid for them in the first place.

He also said no gun was involved.

Nativo is due back in court July 1. He was arrested on a charge of first-degree robbery.

Said the defendant: "We yelled and we argued. ... But in the end, those teeth belonged to me."

## Historical society offers free summer admission

**VA** RICHMOND — The Virginia Historical Society is offering free admission throughout the summer.

VHS President and Chief Executive Paul Levingood said the society understands that people are cutting back and wants to give them somewhere to go that is "enjoyable, educational and entertaining as well as close to home and affordable."

The VHS will display three exhibitions about the Vietnam era.

Admission will be free from June 6 through Aug. 30.

## One of two escapees caught at man's house

**TX** LONGVIEW — Authorities have recaptured one of two men who escaped from the seventh floor of the Gregg County Jail.

Sheriff's Lt. Tim Bryan caught 22-year-old Bruce Danjuane Kelly of Longview because he stood beneath a carport. Bryan said the other inmate — 27-year-old Desmond DeWayne Jackson of Hallsville — ran from the scene.

A helicopter was being used to search for Jackson, who was convicted earlier this month of the 2007 shooting death of 56-year-old Melvin Brad Mitchell during a Longview pawn shop robbery.

The owner of the home where Kelly was arrested said he didn't know the men or that they were outside his home, the Longview News-Journal reported.

## Calif. voters oppose raises for lawmakers

**CA** LOS ANGELES — California voters say if the state is running a deficit, lawmakers shouldn't get a raise.

Voters in a statewide special election approved Proposition 1F by a large margin, capping pay raises for lawmakers and statewide officials whenever state government runs a deficit.

Lawmakers put the measure on the ballot as part of a state budget package intended to close a \$42 billion state deficit.

However, its passage will have little effect on the state's finances.

Five other measures pitched by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to help solve the state's budget deficit and broken budgeting system are trailing in early returns, with about 13 percent of precincts reporting.

## Agencies cooperating on trail maintenance

**HI** HONOLULU — Federal, state and county governments have agreed to cooperatively manage the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail on the Big Island.

The 175-mile trail follows an ancient shoreline footpath called the Ala Loa.

It was the major road connecting more than 600 Hawaii communities from the 15th through the 18th centuries.

The route is one of just 18 across the country to be designated a National Historic Trail. Others include the Iditarod, the Pony Express and the Trail of Tears.

It's the only such trail in Hawaii.

## State prepares for execution of inmate

**MO** BONNE TERRE — Corrections officials are preparing for Missouri's first execution in nearly four years after the U.S. Supreme Court denied four last-minute applications for a delay.

Dennis Skillicorn is scheduled to die by injection at the prison in Bonne Terre.

The 49-year-old is one of three men convicted in the 1994 murder of a businessman who had stopped to help the men after their car broke down on Interstate 70.

## Ex-trooper accused of kidnapping, crash plot

**WY** CHEYENNE — Federal authorities say a former Wyoming Highway Patrol trooper pulled over a Wal-Mart truck in January and took the driver into custody as part of an aborted plan to kill him and crash the truck into his patrol car to collect damages from the company.

Franklin Ryle, 41, pleaded not guilty in federal court to charges alleging he violated the driver's civil rights by kidnapping him, carried a firearm in the process of committing a crime and tried to persuade another trooper to help him.

Ryle is no longer working as a state trooper. His attorney, David Weiss, declined to comment after the hearing.

## Man shoots pit bull attacking sister's dog

**RI** WESTERLY — A Westerly man shot and killed a pit bull that was attacking his sister's Labrador retriever.

Sherry Hagerman told The Westerly Sun that the pit bull apparently jumped a 4-foot fence before attacking her dog.

She said she tried yelling and beating the pit bull with a broom, then called 911.

While waiting for police and animal control officers to arrive, she said she called her brother who lives nearby, and he shot the pit bull.

Westerly Animal Control Officer Thomas Gulluscio took the Labrador retriever to a veterinarian, and said the injuries did not appear to be life-threatening.

The pit bull owner's name was not released by police.

Stories and photos from wire services

# Horoscope

The Taurus moon has an appetite and it's not so easily sated. You may find yourself hungry for a certain food, love or luxury, but whatever you're craving, it will be for the best of what's available. Many will be engaged in the tricky business of satisfying ever-escalating standards and staying within a reasonable budget. Splurges will happen!

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** A deal or relationship that has been steadily pushing forward will now seem like too much too fast. You may put on the brakes. You have to feel right about things or you can't go forward.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** There's a person who always seems to call you with some kind of personal agenda. You'd like to believe this person has your best interest at heart, but it's not a fair assumption. Defy persuasion. Stand up for what you need.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You'll be in a forward-thinking mood. This is your chance to catch up on work. It will only take two dedicated hours to get back to a comfortable place. Next week goes better if you get ahead of things now.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You may have had a bad dream recently. This was only a guidepost meant to serve as a reminder of your moral boundary line. Do not let anyone fiddle with your personal compass. Trust yourself.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Take a short hiatus. Give things time to gestate. Projects and relationships both evolve smoothly and swiftly because of this break in the action. It may seem counterintuitive, but it works.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 23).** You are surrounded by caring people this year, and it's no accident — you purposefully nurture relationships that make you feel like a million dollars. You could answer an intellectual or spiritual calling in June. The

late summer brings an exciting twist in your professional life. Family celebrates you in September. Cancer and Pisces adore you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You have enough stored energy to power a small village. Make a to-do list and then get to work. Mentally stay out of your own way. Thinking too much will only hamper your momentum.

## Holiday Mathis



**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Don't worry about getting your money out of an investment right now. The real value is in what you learned, not what you earned. The wisest move may be to donate the old thing and start over.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Your day might have begun on the wrong side of the bed, with bad hair and nothing to wear ... but you are, nonetheless, called to meet good fortune. So get the hair and wardrobe together and go cash in on your luck.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Anyone who observes you going about your personal business will see a kindhearted, intelligent person. You don't have to be loud for people to notice you. Your quiet strength brings a positive focus on you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There's a love poem coming expertly together in the back of your mind. Recite your poem aloud. Send it on the wind and watch it come back to you on foot.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** A distant friend suggests that you change something about your personal life. Consider carefully to be sure the change is for the highest good. If it is, swiftly proceed according to the new plan.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You'll take a stand for your beliefs. Your platform is solid, and you are in a fine position to speak up and be heard. You can state your point of view in a way that is sensitive to those who do not share your opinions.

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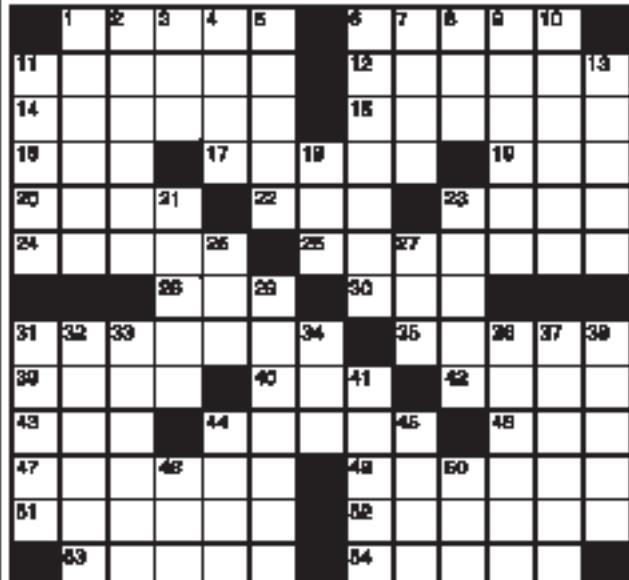
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



### ACROSS

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- Mountain chain
- In a weird way
- "Praying" bug
- Ladybug, e.g.
- Multipurpose truck
- Surf 'n' turf component
- Up to, for short
- Frat party gear
- Nevertheless
- Gridlock bound
- Bloodhound's clue
- Hall-of-Famers
- "— the ramparts —"
- Anonymous John
- Less malleable
- Foreheads
- "The Audacity of —"
- Noah
- Hearts, e.g.
- Copper head
- Single
- Afternoon social
- Short-horned grasshopper
- Frill-eating pest
- Curiosity-inducing ad.
- Tartan patterns
- Frightening

### DOWN

- Bit of algae
- Maple at bridge
- Illustrations
- Rainbow
- Engaged in lovebirds
- Starch
- "All the Things You —"
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- Epitome of slipperiness
- Unaccompanied

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 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals I

# Parents clash over sleeping teen

**Dear Abby:** My 16-year-old stepson has problems getting up for school on time. My wife and I are split on what we should do about it.

I maintain that he's old enough to be responsible for getting himself up for school and should suffer the consequences if he's late. She thinks I should get him up.

She works the late shift, which means I have to call him several times before he actually gets up. What do you think?

— Stepdad in West Virginia

**Dear Stepdad:** If your stepson is having trouble prying himself out of bed in the mornings, it may be that he's not getting enough sleep and should go to bed earlier.

And your wife needs to consider what will happen to him when you are no longer around to extract her son from between the

sheets. That's why it's important to start training him NOW.

Buy a clock with a loud, annoying alarm, which should be placed in the farthest corner of his room from the bed, which will force him to get up in order to turn the darned thing off.

**Dear Abby:** Last summer, I cringed when I saw a neighbor cutting his lawn with a push mower and allowing his 3-year-old son to walk behind the mower to "help" him push.

All the while, the mother stood nearby, smiling at the "father-and-son moment."

A few days later, I saw an 8-year-old boy cutting his lawn with a riding mower, with no adult in sight.

Abby, please remind parents that a lawn mower is a powerful, potentially dangerous machine. According to a study published in a children's medical journal,

more than 9,000 children are injured by lawn mowers each year. Not only is there the obvious danger of the mower blades, children can also suffer severe burns from touching hot mower parts.

In addition, projectiles can fly backward and cut or blind a child should a mower strike an object.

When the lawn mower is operating, the proper place for children is inside the house.

— Concerned Neighbor, Dunwoody, Ga.

**Dear Neighbor:** Thank you for the timely reminder. Sometimes the most innocent of actions can have unintended consequences. Spring has sprung, bringing with it all the joys — and chores — of the "growing" season. When a lawn mower is running, children — and pets — should not be in the vicinity.

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**Dear Abby**



Parents Before Bedtime



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Parents After The Movie



## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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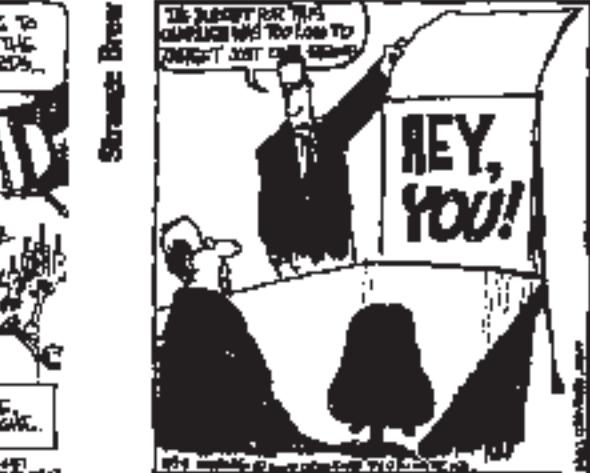
Jumble: RANCH GLEAM TACKLE BLUSH

Answer: When the sports funks big-screen TV was reinstated, he uttered — A "SET BACK."

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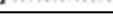
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# Wife of D-backs pitcher found dead

The Associated Press

**FOUNTAIN HILLS, Ariz.** — The wife of Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Scott Schoeneweis was found dead at her home Wednesday.

Police said the cause of death hadn't been determined.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office said deputies found the body of Gabrielle Dawn Schoeneweis, 39, on the floor of the master bedroom in the family's suburban home shortly after noon.

Authorities said her daughter, 14, called the sheriff's office to report that she had found her mother lying there and unresponsive.

A team spokesman said Schoeneweis had left the team, which was playing in Florida on Wednesday night, and was returning to Phoenix.

"At this point, anything we can do to support Scott and his family, will be our focus," Diamondbacks general manager Josh Byrnes said. "I have talked to Scott Boras, the agent, a few times. We're trying to get the facts the best we can. It's devastating news. Everyone is taking it very hard."

Scott Schoeneweis, 35, is a survivor of testicular cancer.

The couple celebrated their 10th anniversary in January. They had three children together, and she had a daughter when they were married.

"His world was just rocked. He and his kids, his family, his extended family, his in-laws, everybody's lives are changed forever. He took it as expected, very hard," Diamondbacks manager A.J. Hinch said.

### Source: Padres OK trade of Peavy to White Sox

**CHICAGO** — The San Diego Padres have agreed to send Jake

Peavy to the White Sox, and the teams were waiting to see if the ace would waive his no-trade clause, a person familiar with the talks told The Associated Press.

The person spoke Thursday on the condition of anonymity because the deal was not final.

Peavy's agent, Barry Axelrod, said he hadn't spoken to the 2007 NL Cy Young Award winner since Wednesday afternoon, just before the pitcher went to the ballpark.

"My suspicion is he still has a strong preference to stay in the National League," Axelrod said.

Several reports had the White Sox sending top pitching prospect Aaron Poreda and young left-hander Clayton Richard to San Diego as part of the package.

The Padres, who lost 99 games last season and aren't expected to contend this year, have been cutting payroll. Peavy was to make \$11 million this season, \$15 million in 2010, \$16 million in 2011 and \$17 million in 2012. The Padres have a \$22 million option for 2013 with a \$4 million buyout.

The right-hander, who turns 28 on May 31, is 3-5 with a 3.82 ERA, 69 strikeouts and 19 walks after spending time on the DL last year because of a strained right elbow.

■ The San Diego Padres acquired outfielder Tony Gwynn Jr. in a trade that sent outfielder Jody Gerut to the Milwaukee Brewers. Gwynn, who had been with Triple-A Nashville, got the news of the trade in a call from his Hall of Fame father, who played for the Padres for 20 seasons and is now San Diego State's baseball coach.

### Vick home in Virginia, wearing electronic monitor

**HAMPTON, Va.** — Probation officers have visited suspended

NFL star Michael Vick's Virginia home to outfit him with an electronic monitor.

Vick arrived Thursday morning after a 28-hour drive from federal prison in Kansas to start two months of home confinement.

Within 90 minutes, two probation officers arrived to fit him with the monitor and walk with him around the backyard to make sure it worked.

Virginia-based attorney Larry Woodward said the process went well. He said Vick is technically a furloughed federal inmate and can't speak to the media without Bureau of Prisons permission. Woodward said the process to get permission is under way.

Vick spent 19 months in federal prison for financing a dogfighting operation and is finishing his sentence at home.

### Ex-NFL running back in federal custody

**TAMPA, Fla.** — Former NFL running back Travis Henry was in federal custody after violating conditions of his bond.

Tampa U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Pizzo ruled Tuesday that Henry violated bond conditions set by a Montana judge when he consumed alcohol.

He was arrested by U.S. Marshals and Polk County sheriff's deputies in Auburndale.

Henry pleaded guilty in April to trafficking cocaine in a federal drug case. He has not yet been sentenced. Henry was arrested in Denver last October after authorities broke apart a drug ring that trafficked cocaine between Colorado and Montana.

He was described as the "money guy" who helped finance the operation,

■ William "The Refrigerator"

Perry was released from a hospital in Aiken, S.C., after a month-long stay for complications of a nervous-system disorder. A hospital spokeswoman said the former Chicago Bears star, 46, was released Wednesday after being treated for Guillain-Barre Syndrome. Perry, a 300-pound-plus defensive tackle for the Bears, scored a touchdown during the team's triumph over New England in the Super Bowl in 1986.

■ A benign, baseball-size tumor was removed from the chest of Arizona Cardinals defensive end Kenny Iwebema. Coach Ken Whisenhunt said the surgery was performed Monday. The tumor was discovered during routine X-rays before the start of minicamp April 30.

### Mayfield, NASCAR meet for an hour

**CONCORD, N.C.** — Jeremy Mayfield might have to take legal action to get his NASCAR suspension lifted.

The driver and his lawyer met with NASCAR for more than an hour Thursday. Attorney Bill Diehl said the meeting was cordial but did not get them closer to resolving the issue.

Mayfield was suspended May 9 for failing a random drug test.

Diehl said Mayfield does not believe he has done anything to warrant the suspension. He declined to reveal the substance for which Mayfield tested positive.

■ NASCAR driver Carl Long appealed his record suspension, allowing him to return to work at Lowe's Motor Speedway. NASCAR deferred Long's 12-race suspension until his June 2 hearing. On Wednesday, Long was

suspended for the next 12 Sprint Cup races, docked 200 points and crew chief Charles Swing fined \$200,000 for use of an illegal engine. All were record punishments in the sport.

### Russian takes overall lead after 12th stage of Giro

**RIONAGGIORE, Italy** — Dennis Menchov of Russia won the key individual time trial in the 12th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Thursday and overtook the leader's pink jersey.

Previous leader Danilo Di Luca finished sixth to trail Menchov by 34 seconds in the overall standings.

Menchov clocked 1 hour, 34 minutes, 29 seconds over the highly technical, 37.6-mile route along the coastal area known as Cinque Terre. Levi Leipheimer of the United States was second, 20 seconds behind, and Stefano Garzelli of Italy was third, 1:03 back.

Lance Armstrong was 13th, 2:26 behind

### Furthermore ...

■ Shane Lowry, 22, who won last week's Irish Open as an amateur, turned pro and will play for money at next week's European Open.

■ BYU forward Jonathan Tavernari withdrew his name from consideration for the NBA Draft and will return to school.

■ World Wrestling Entertainment is moving its Monday night event to Los Angeles because of a conflict with the Pepsi Center in Denver. The Nuggets are scheduled to host the Lakers on Monday in Game 4 of the Western Conference finals, but WWE had booked the arena for an episode of "Monday Night Raw."

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STARS AND STRIPES

## Far East soccer

# Osan girls win four straight to earn title

## Cougars add soccer crown to those won in volleyball, basketball

### Stars and Stripes

CAMP WALKER, South Korea — Just before soccer season began, Osan American girls basketball coach Bruce Barker, just off a Far East Class A Tournament championship, approached soccer coach Sung Plourde and said: "Your turn."

Just as Barker had been told by Cari Pease after the Cougars won the Girls Class A Volleyball Tournament title.

Plourde and the Cougars held up their end. Bria Pressley scored seven goals as Osan won four matches in a 10-hour span Thursday, including 4-0 and 4-1 victories over Matthew C. Perry in a two-match title round.

The victory helped Osan win its first championship since 2006 and repeat its Far East title trifecta of girls volleyball, basketball and soccer back in 2001-2002.

"I still can't believe it," said senior goalkeeper Celine Baldevia, one of two players who played all three sports this school year. "A dream come true. I never thought it would be possible. What a great year."

"This feels incredible," said sophomore sweeper Alina Hauter, the other three-title athlete. "I'm so lucky to be part of a school that did this twice."

Trifecta No. 2, Plourde and his players said, was special because of the four-match marathon.

"The first time was more meaningful,"

Plourde said. "But I'm proud of the kids. They worked hard. We had one goal in mind this season, and we kept the trifecta in the back of our head. We came together, especially in the lower bracket. Four matches in one day."

Pressley, who scored a pair of hat tricks against Perry, said she'd had doubts they could pull off four victories. But as the Cougars beat Morrison Christian Academy 3-1, then ousted Daegu American 5-2, Pressley said, "I knew we had the heart. Especially as a freshman, this is amazing."

For the Samurai, it was a heartbreaking end to yet another so-close-and-yet-so-far season. Perry lost in the 2007 final, and was ousted in the first round of the play-offs last year.

"Hats off to Osan. They really wanted it," Perry coach Chris Anderson said. "They're well-coached, disciplined, they worked hard, and they finished. They deserved it."

Meanwhile, defending champion Yongsan International-Seoul left nothing to chance in the Boys Class A Tournament final at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan. The Guardians repeated by blanking Robert D. Edgren 8-0; Jon Park, David Kim and Daniel Cho each scored two goals.

Edgren had hoped to match Osan's four-match effort, having ousted Perry 2-1 in a penalty-kick shootout, Osan 2-0 and E.J.

King 2-0 before coming up short against YIS-Seoul. Brandon Massie scored all five regulation goals for the Eagles despite a sore Achilles' tendon.

"We sat him the first 20 minutes (against Perry), and he said, 'I want off the bench. Put me in the game,'" Eagles coach Steve DeLuna said. "He didn't give up. He wanted to take it all the way home."

Several firsts occurred in the Class AA Tournaments.

Zama American's girls reached the first title match in school history; the Trojans, with Saki Johnson scoring two goals and Aubrey Ashliman scoring her 45th of the season, shut out Faith Academy 3-0 and faced Kubasaki in Friday's final.

"It feels great," said coach Rogers Pitts, whose Trojans sport the best record in school history at 23-4-4 entering the final.

Zama tied Kubasaki 0-0 in pool play; thus, Pitts said he wasn't counting on anything. "The job's not over until the game tomorrow. We're not taking anything for granted," he said.

Elizabeth Fabila and former three-time champion Kubasaki blanked Kadena 1-0 in the other semifinal, beating the Panthers for the fourth time this season and reaching its third straight Class AA title match berth.

For the first time in Boys Class AA Tournament history, no DODDS teams and no



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

**Osan sophomore midfielder Jasmine Pressley (21) heads the ball in front of M.C. Perry forward Anne Naseer during Thursday's championship match.**

Okinawa teams played for the title.

That honor went to Christian Academy In Japan, a 1-0 semifinal winner over Zama, and Hong Kong International, which ousted defending champion Kubasaki 3-0. CAJ was aiming for its third Class AA title in five years; Hong Kong was chasing its first.

### Far East soccer scoreboard

#### Boys Class AA

At Falcon Field, Seoul American High School, and Chosun Field, South Post, Yongsan Garrison, South Korea  
Single-elimination playoffs  
Thursday

**Yokota 4, Kinnick 3**

Halftime-Yokota 2-0. Goals-Yokota, Cody Trimmell 2 (2), Jimmy Niescier 1 (11), Keegan Ryan 1 (4); Kinnick, David Krievs 2 (14), Elijah Gamble 1 (4).

**Kadena 2, Seoul American 0**

Halftime-Kadena 1-0. Goals-Kadena, Stanley Schrock 1 (24), Ryan Dang 1 (10).

**Christian Academy In Japan 1, Zama American 0**

Halftime-0-0. Goal-CAJ, Yusuke Miyoshi 1 (3).

**Hong Kong International 3, Kubasaki 0**

Halftime-Hong Kong 2-0. Goals-Hong Kong, Ethan Herberg 2, Kai Halberg 1.

**Yokota 4, Guam High 1**

Halftime-Yokota 1-0. Goals-Yokota, Jimmy Niescier 2 (13), Cody Trimmell 1 (3), Christian Helmich 1 (3); Guam High, Reyes 1.

**Friday's matches**

Seventh place-Seoul American vs. Guam High, 9 a.m.

Fifth place-Kadena vs. Yokota, 11 a.m.

Third place-Zama American vs. Kubasaki, 1 p.m.

**Championship-Christian Academy In Japan vs. Hong Kong International, 3 p.m.**

#### Girls Class AA

At Mike Petty Stadium and Upper Field, Kubasaki High School, Camp Foster, Okinawa  
Single-elimination playoffs  
Thursday

**Guam High 2, Christian Acad. In Japan 0**

Halftime-Guam High 1-0. Goals-Guam High, Megan Speck 2 (16).

**Kinnick 2, Seoul American 1**

Halftime-Kinnick 2-0. Goals-Kinnick, Marie Conner 1 (13), Yasmine Espree 1 (9); Seoul, Kelly Gutierrez 1 (7).

**ASIJ 1, Yokota 0**

Halftime-ASIJ 1-0. Goal-ASIJ, Birke Duveloo 1 (11).

**Zama American 3, Faith Academy 0**

Halftime-Zama 3-0. Goals-Zama, Saki Johnson 2 (6), Aubrey Ashliman 1 (45).

**Kubasaki 1, Kadena 0**

Halftime-0-0. Goal-Kubasaki, Elizabeth Fabila 1 (2).

**Kinnick 1, Guam High 0, OT**

Halftime-0-0. End of regulation-0-0.

**Goal-Kinnick, Christine Bolduc 1 (3).**

**ASIJ 8, John F. Kennedy 0**

Game suspended in 35th minute due to 8-goal mercy rule. Goals-ASIJ, Laura Ingulsrud 3 (21), Roxanne Clement 2 (19), Keavy O'Malley-Keyes 2 (8), Mary Blushuk 1 (7).

**Seoul American 3, Christian Academy In Japan 2**

Halftime-Seoul 1-0. Goals-Seoul, Kelly Gutierrez 2 (9), own goal; CAJ, Kanae Mori 2.

#### Friday's matches

Yokota vs. Christian Academy In Japan, 9 a.m.

Seoul American vs. Yokota, 11 a.m.

**Seventh place-Guam High vs. John F. Kennedy, 9 a.m.**

**Fifth place-American School In Japan vs. Kinnick, 11 a.m.**

**Third place-Faith Academy vs. Kadena, 1 p.m.**

**Championship-Zama American vs. Kubasaki, 3 p.m.**

#### Boys Class A

At Penny Lake Fields 1 and 2, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan  
Double-elimination playoffs

Thursday

**Edgren 2, M.C. Perry 1, SO (4-3)**

**Perry eliminated**

**Halftime-0-0. End of regulation-1.**

**Regulation goals**-Edgren, Brandon Massie 1 (27); Perry, Sean Barker 1 (18).

**Shootout goals**-Edgren, Brandon Massie, Ja'Maal Dennis, Charles Artiles, Cheston Nuriel-Dacalio; Perry, Nick Bischof, Yuta Fleming, Matt Villalino.

**Osan American 2, Global Visions 1**

**Global Visions 1**

**Goals-VIS eliminated**

**Halftime-Osan 2-0. Goals-Osan, Jasmine Pressley 2 (17), Stephanie McDole 1 (11); MCA, Megan Dwight 1.**

**Osan American 5, Daegu American 2**

**Daegu American eliminated**

**Halftime-Osan 3-0. Goals-Osan, Jasmine Pressley 2 (19), Lucie Yunovich 2 (4), Bria Pressley 1 (31); Daegu, Angie Robinet 1 (16), Sara Wright 1 (9).**

**Osan American 4, Matthew C. Perry 0**

**Halftime-Osan 3-0. Goals-Osan, Bria Pressley 3 (34), own goal.**

**Championship**

**Osan American 4, Matthew C. Perry 1**

**Halftime-Osan 2-0. Goals-Osan, Bria**

**Pressley 3 (37), Jasmine Pressley 1 (20); Perry, Anne Naseer 1 (5).**

**Consolation bracket**

**YIS-Seoul 3, Global Visions 0**

**Halftime-0-0. Goals-YIS-Seoul, Annette Umori 1, Natalie Yoon 1, Kelley Kang 1.**

**YIS-Seoul 3, Korea International 0**

**YIS-Seoul takes seventh place**

**Halftime-YIS-Seoul 2-0. Goals-YIS-**

**Seoul, Annette Umori 2, Christine Kim 1.**

**Edgren 3, Sacred Heart 2**

**Edgren takes fifth place**

**Halftime-Edgren 1-0. Goals-Edgren,**

**Bailey Howard 2 (4), Ashley Hawkins 1 (9); ISSH, Emi Takakura 1, Elin Matsumae 1.**

#### Girls Class A

At Soldiers Field, Camp Carroll, Kelly Field, Camp Walker, and Victory Field, Camp Henry, South Korea  
Double-elimination playoffs

Thursday

**Championship bracket**

**Osan American 3, Morrison Christian 1**

**Morrison Christian eliminated**

**Halftime-Osan 2-0. Goals-Osan, Jas-**

**mine Pressley 2 (17), Stephanie McDole 1 (11); MCA, Megan Dwight 1.**

**Osan American 5, Daegu American 2**

**Daegu American eliminated**

**Halftime-Osan 3-0. Goals-Osan, Jas-**

**mine Pressley 2 (19), Lucie Yunovich 2 (4), Bria Pressley 1 (31); Daegu, Angie**

**Robinet 1 (16), Sara Wright 1 (9).**

**Osan American 4, Matthew C. Perry 0**

**Halftime-Osan 3-0. Goals-Osan, Bria**

**Pressley 3 (34), own goal.**

**Championship**

**Osan American 4, Matthew C. Perry 1**

**Halftime-Osan 2-0. Goals-Osan, Bria**

**Pressley 3 (37), Jasmine Pressley 1 (20); Perry, Anne Naseer 1 (5).**

**Awards**

**Most Valuable Player**-Karla Stroud, Matthew C. Perry.

**Best Offensive Player**-Karla Stroud, Matthew C. Perry.

**Best Defensive Player**-Linda Martinez, Daegu American.

**Outstanding Goalkeeper**-Jamie Lee, Korea International.

**All-Tournament team**-Jasmine Pressley (two-time selection), Daniel Cho, Jonathan Park, Yongsan International-Seoul; Joni Green (two-time selection), Ronnie Cardona, E.J. King; Kentaro Kobayashi, Korea Kent Foreign; Chris Park, Sung Kim, Global Visions Christian; Derek Becker (two-time selection), Osan American; Ben Beauville (three-time selection), Daegu American; Brandon Massie (two-time selection), Edgren; Shirabe Yoshida, Nagoya International; Max Park, Korea International; Justin Clement, Matthew C. Perry.

**Team Sportsmanship Award**-Daegu American.

**All-Tournament team**-Jasmine Pressley (two-time selection), Bria Pressley, Angela Frisby, Osan American; Karla Stroud (two-time selection), Heather Hyson (three-time selection), Danielle Dobson, Matthew C. Perry; Angie Robinet, Linda Martinez (two-time selection), Kristina Bergman, Daegu American; Siara Stacey, Elaine Knutson, Seul A Lee, Morrison Christian Academy; Emi Takakura, International School of the Sacred Heart; Ashley Hawkins, Edgren; Zsofia Lengyel, Yongsan International-Seoul.



GARY CASHMAN/Special to Stars and Stripes

**Zama American's Adonis Jackson heads the ball past Kevin Sakamoto during Thursday's semifinal match in the DODDS-Pacific Far East High School Soccer Tournament. CAJ won 1-0 and will play Hong Kong International for the championship.**

# SCOREBOARD

## Sports on AFN

### Saturday

**AFN-Pacific**, 9 a.m.—MLB: Texas at Houston.

**AFN-Xtra**, 9 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 3, Detroit at Chicago.

**AFN-Sports**, 9:30 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 2, Orlando at Cleveland.

**AFN-Xtra**, 11:30 a.m.—MLB: Arizona at Oakland (joined in progress).

**AFN-Sports**, 4 p.m.—MLB: N.Y. Mets at Boston (dd).

**AFN-Sports**, 8:30 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 2, Orlando at Cleveland (dd).

### Sunday

**AFN-Atlantic**, 1 a.m.—College lacrosse: NCAA men's Division I semifinals, Duke vs. Syracuse.

**AFN-Sports**, 2 a.m.—MLB: Kansas City at St. Louis.

**AFN-Atlantic**, 4 a.m.—Golf: PGA Tour, Byron Nelson Championship, third round.

**AFN-Sports**, 5 a.m.—MLB: Philadelphia at N.Y. Yankees.

**AFN-Xtra**, 5 a.m.—MLB: Texas at Houston.

**AFN-Atlantic**, 8:30 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 3, Pittsburgh at Carolina.

**AFN-Sports**, 9:30 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference championship, Game 3, L.A. Lakers at Denver.

**AFN-Atlantic**, 11 a.m.—College lacrosse: NCAA men's Division I semifinals, Cornell vs. Virginia (dd).

**AFN-Xtra**, 2 p.m.—MLS: Los Angeles at Dallas (dd).

**AFN-Atlantic**, 4 p.m.—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 3, Pittsburgh at Carolina (dd).

**AFN-Xtra**, 4 p.m.—MLB: Tampa Bay at Florida (dd).

**AFN-Xtra**, 7 p.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR Nationwide Series, Carquest Auto Parts 300 (dd).

**AFN-Sports**, 8:30 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 3, L.A. Lakers at Denver (dd).

**AFN-Xtra**, 10:30 p.m.—MLS: Chivas USA at Kansas City (dd).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dd) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

## Boxing

### Fight schedule

#### May 23

At Monterrey, Mexico, Toshiaki Nishioka, Japan, vs. Johnny Gonzalez, Mexico, 12, for Nishioka's WBC junior featherweight title; Rafael Marquez, Mexico, vs. Jose Mendoza, Colombia, 10, featherweights.

At Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, Jorge Linarez, Japan, vs. Josafat Perez, Mexico, 12, for Linarez's WBA junior lightweight title; Jose Guadalupe Martinez, Mexico, vs. Oscar Saturino, Mexico, 12, from Martinez's Mexican light flyweight title; Filomeno Jaramillo, Mexico, vs. Victor Terrazas, Mexico, 12, for the interim Mexican super bantamweight title.

#### May 26

At Shanghai, Daishiro Naito, Japan, vs. Xiong Zhao Zhong, China, 12, for Naito's WBC flyweight title.

At TBA, Thailand, Denkaoson Kaowichit, Thailand, vs. Hiroyuki Hisataka, Japan, 12, for Kaowichit's WBA flyweight title.

#### May 30

At Hartwall Arena, Helsinki, Finland, Ruslan Chagayev, Germany, vs. Nikolai Valuev, Russia, 12, for Chagayev's WBA heavyweight title.

At Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Hollywood, Fla., Andre Berto, Winter Haven, Fla., vs. Juan Urango, Miami, 12, welterweights; Alfredo Angulo, Coachella, Calif., vs. Kermit Cintron, Reading, Pa., 12, light middleweights.

#### June 13

At Madison Square Garden, New York, Miguel Cotto, Puerto Rico, vs. Joshua Clottey, Bronx, N.Y., 12, for Cotto's WBO welterweight title.

#### June 19

At Montreal, Adrian Diaconu, Canada, vs. Jean Pascal, Canada, 12, for Diaconu's WBC light heavyweight title.

At Laredo (Texas) Entertainment Center, Fernando Beltran Jr. vs. Monty Mezalay, Rankin, Pa., 12, for Beltran's Latino featherweight title.

#### June 20

At London, Wladimir Klitschko, Ukraine, vs. David Haye, Britain, 12, for Klitschko's IBF-WBO-IBO heavyweight title.

#### June 27

At London, Andreas Kotelnik, Germany, vs. Amir Khan, Britain, 12, for Kotelnik's WBA light welterweight title; Matthew Hall, Britain, vs. Anthony Small, Britain, 12, for Hall's Commonwealth junior middleweight title.

At Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J., Kelly Pavlik, Youngstown, Ohio, vs. Sergio Mora, Los Angeles, 12, for Pavlik's WBC-WBO middleweight titles; Fernando Montiel, Mexico, vs. Eric Morel, Madison, Wis., 12, for Montiel's WBO bantamweight title.

At Staples Center, Los Angeles, Chris John, Indonesia, vs. Rocky Juarez, Houston, 12, for John's WBA featherweight title; Victor Ortiz, Oxnard, Calif., vs. Marcos Maidana, Argentina, 12, for the interim WBA light welterweight title.

## College baseball

### Wednesday's scores

#### ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

##### First Round

Florida St. 7, Boston College 2

Miami 8, Georgia Tech 6

##### ATLANTIC TEN CONFERENCE

##### First Round

Charlotte 13, Fordham 10

Massachusetts 5, Fordham 4

Xavier 8, Charlotte 4

##### First Round

Baylor 14, Texas 9

Kansas St. 5, Kansas 4

Missouri 5, Texas A&M 2

Oklahoma 5, Texas Tech 2

##### COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

##### First Round

George Mason 6, Delaware 5

##### MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

##### First Round

Creighton 5, S. Illinois 1

Missouri St. 9, Illinois 6

Wichita St. 15, Indiana 7

##### MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

##### First Round

San Diego St. 2, New Mexico 1

Utah 9, TCU 7

##### OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

##### First Round

Jacksonville State 9, Morehead State

##### SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

##### First Round

Arkansas 8, Florida 5

##### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

##### First Round

Elon 10, Furman 8

Georgia Southern 4, Davidson 3, 11 inn

##### SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE

##### First Round

Sam Houston St. 9, SE Louisiana 2

Texas-San Antonio 5, Northwestern

St. 4

Texas St. 9, Stephen F. Austin 2

**NOTE:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.

#### SATURDAY'S GAMES

New England at Toronto FC

Real Salt Lake at D.C. United

CD Chivas USA at Kansas City

Los Angeles at FC Dallas

San Jose at Houston

Seattle FC at Colorado

#### SUNDAY'S GAME

Chicago at New York

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

San Jose at Columbus

#### THURSDAY, MAY 28

Chicago at Chivas USA

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Seattle FC 4 2 2 3 11 6

Colorado 3 2 2 3 12 9

Houston 3 2 2 3 12 8

Real Salt Lake 3 5 1 10 14 15

Los Angeles 1 1 7 10 11 11

San Jose 1 5 2 5 8 16

FC Dallas 1 6 2 5 8 16

**NOTE:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.

#### SATURDAY'S GAMES

Sky Blue FC at Washington

Saint Louis at Chicago

#### SUNDAY'S GAME

Los Angeles at FC Gold Pride

#### SATURDAY, MAY 30

Saint Louis at Los Angeles

#### SUNDAY, MAY 31

FC Gold Pride at Washington

Boston at Sky Blue FC

## College softball

### NCAA Division I Softball

#### SUPER REGIONALS (Best-of-three)

##### Second team listed is home team At UGA Softball Stadium Athens, Ga.

Thursday, May 21: Ohio State (47-9) vs. Georgia (42-10)

Friday, May 22: Georgia vs. Ohio State

Friday, May 22: Ohio State vs. Georgia, if necessary

##### At Boyd & Jill Smith Family Stadium Stanford, Calif.

Thursday, May 21: Arizona (44-14) vs. Stanford (47-9)

Friday, May 22: Stanford vs. Arizona

Friday, May 22: Arizona vs. Stanford, if necessary

##### At Alabama Softball Complex Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Friday, May 22: Jacksonville State (42-13) vs. Alabama (50-9)

Saturday, May 23: Alabama vs. Jacksonville State

Saturday, May 23: Jacksonville State vs. Alabama, if necessary

##### At Wilpon Softball Complex Arbor, Mich.

Friday, May 22: Baylor (40-20) vs. Michigan (44-10)

Saturday, May 23: Michigan vs. Baylor

Saturday, May 23: Baylor vs. Michigan, if necessary

##### At Alberta B. Farnington Softball Stadium Tempe, Ariz.

Friday, May 22: North Dakota State (38-18) vs. Arizona State (44-17)

Saturday, May 23: Arizona State vs. North Dakota State

Saturday, May 23: North Dakota State vs. Arizona State, if necessary

##### At Shirley Clements Newborn Field Atlanta

Saturday, May 23: Washington (45-10) vs. Georgia Tech (44-13)

Sunday, May 24: Georgia Tech vs. Washington

Sunday, May 24: Washington vs. Georgia Tech, if necessary

##### At Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium Gainesville, Fla.

Saturday, May 23: Florida (38-18) vs. Florida (58-3)

Sunday, May 24: Florida vs. California

Sunday, May 24: California vs. Florida, if necessary

##### At Easton Stadium Los Angeles

Saturday, May 23: Missouri (48-9) vs. UCLA (44-9)

Sunday, May 24: UCLA vs. Missouri

Sunday, May 24: Missouri vs. UCLA, if necessary

##### WORLD SERIES At ASA Hall of Fame Stadium Oklahoma City May 28-June 3

#### COLLEGE

#### AZUSA PACIFIC

Named Dave Blomquist men's soccer coach.

#### FLAGLER

Named Jud Damon athletics director.

#### GREENSBORO

Named Randy Tuggle women's basketball coach and men's and women's cross country coach.

#### MERCY, N.Y.

Named Jonathan Feinstein women's soccer coach.

#### NIAGARA

Named Chris MacKenzie women's hockey coach.

#### OTTERBEIN

Named Christine Steines softball coach, David Lehman men's and women's track and field coach and John Lintz men's and women's cross country coach.

#### SAMFORD

Named Michelle Johnson athletic trainer.

#### SOUTHERN

NAMED Jack Maloney, men's cross country and track and field coach.

#### CONNECTICUT

Anounced the retirement of Jack Maloney, men's cross country and track and field coach.

## Deals

### Wednesday's Transactions

#### BASEBALL American League

#### BOSTON RED SOX

Activated 1B Kevin Youkilis from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Gil Velazquez to Pawtucket (IL).

#### DETROIT TIGERS

Opted LHP Luke French to Toledo (IL).

#### OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Claimed LHP Craig Breslow off waivers from Minnesota. Transferred 2B Mark Ellis to the 60-day DL.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Activated RHP Chris Carpenter from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Shane Robinson to Memphis (PCL).

#### WASHINGTON NATIONALS

Placed OF Elijah Dukes on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 18. Designated INF Alex Cintron for assignment. Recalled OF Justin Maxwell and RHP Jason Bergmann from Syracuse (IL).

#### BASKETBALL

#### NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

#### CHICAGO BULLS

Promoted director of player personnel Gar Forman to general manager.

#### FOOTBALL

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### ATLANTA FALCONS

Signed WR Khalil Jones.

#### BALTIMORE RAVENS

Named Jason Brooks assistant offensive coach.

#### BUFFALO BILLS

Waived WR Mike Jefferson.

#### JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Waived CB Tyron Braxton.

#### KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Waived WR Martellus Bennett.

#### LOS ANGELES RAMS

Waived WR Mike Williams.

#### MINNEAPOLIS VIKINGS

Waived WR Mike Williams.

#### NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Waived WR Mike Williams.

#### NEW YORK GIANTS

Agreed to terms with D Ilkka Heikkinen.

#### PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Waived WR Mike Williams.

#### ST. LOUIS RAMS

# Bryant: Lakers 'got away with one'

BY BETH HARRIS  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Nobody was feeling luckier than Kobe Bryant a day after rescuing the Los Angeles Lakers from certain defeat against the Denver Nuggets in their Western Conference finals opener.

"We just kind of got away with one," he said, grinning. "It happens sometimes."

Bryant scored 40 points, including six free throws in the final 30 seconds Tuesday night, to give the Lakers a 105-103 victory after being outplayed most of the game.

Call it stealing one at home.

"It was one of those gutt performances that you have to have throughout the postseas," Bryant said after practice Wednesday. "We had everything working against us — mistakes, loose balls, bobbling balls out of bounds. It just seemed like one of those nights, but we managed to pull through it."

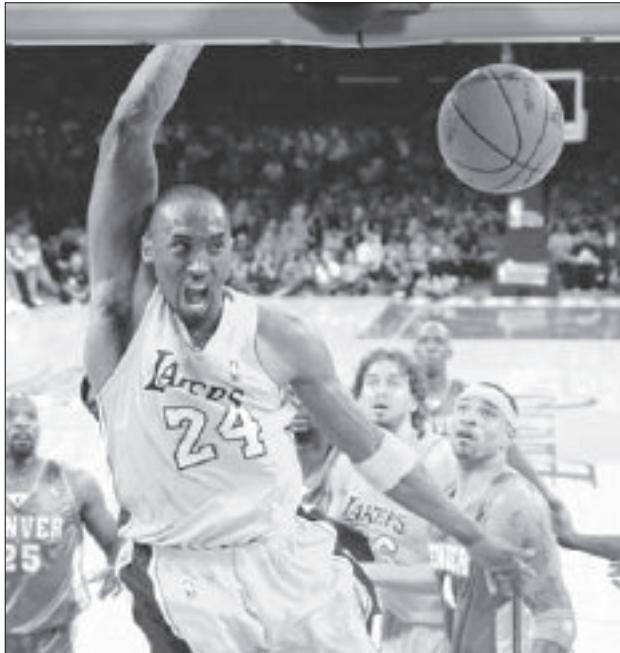
Game 2 is Thursday night in Los Angeles. The Nuggets have lost 11 consecutive playoff games to the Lakers, including a first-round sweep last season.

"We played 46½ solid minutes, just the last minute or so got away from us. But we can take a lot of things from it that we did well," Kenyon Martin said. "We just need to eliminate some of the little mistakes and go from there. That's the beauty of it, there's another game tomorrow."

Bryant was forced into playing both ends of the floor after teammate Trevor Ariza couldn't stop Denver's Carmelo Anthony, who owned a lackluster history against the Lakers until exploding for 39 points.

Bryant started out defending Chauncey Billups (18 points), then took on J.R. Smith (eight points) before sliding over late to Anthony, his U.S. Olympic teammate. Forget asking coach Phil Jackson for permission to change defensive assignments, either.

"We have the type of relation-



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

**Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant dunks during the first half of Game 1 of the Western Conference finals against the Denver Nuggets on Tuesday in Los Angeles. The Lakers lead the series 1-0.**

ship where I just do it," Bryant said. "Whatever it took to win the game, I had to do. It was fun."

Anthony had a breakout game, going 14-for-20 from the floor, including 4-for-5 from three-point range, 7-for-8 from the line, with six rebounds and four assists.

"He's been phenomenal," Billups said. "For a while he fell out of that whole LeBron (James), D-Wade, Melo talk and I'm happy that he's back where he should be. He's led his team to the Western Conference finals and he's been the best player on our team all year."

But Anthony doesn't consider himself the kind of one-man show Bryant had to be for the Lakers.

"I don't really think it's about me putting up numbers," Anthony said. "I'm not going to beat

the Lakers by myself. Chauncy's not going to beat the Lakers by himself. We need our bench, our X-factor guys J.R. (Smith), LK (Linas Kleiza) and Birdman (Chris Andersen). We need everybody like we've been doing it so far."

Smith sprained his right knee in the game, but he said it was better Wednesday.

"I'm definitely going to play," he said. "I'll be ready for tomorrow."

Ariza referred to Anthony's defensive domination of him as "getting served." But Bryant expects Ariza will come better prepared Thursday.

"He doesn't back down," Bryant said. "Carmelo had his way with him in the first game. He's not the only one who's had his

way with him, so he shouldn't feel bad about it."

A day later, the Nuggets were feeling they outplayed the Lakers most of the way but had nothing to show for it.

"Our heads are still high. We're still standing tall, we're still confident," Anthony said. "We did everything but win the game. We can take that as a good sign. We're going to respond, I guarantee you we respond."

The Lakers' big men will be looking to make a stand, something 7-footers Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum didn't accomplish in Game 1. They were outscored 29-19 by the shorter duo of Martin and Nene. Bynum was limited by foul trouble, and Gasol had four fouls.

"Just on defense alone we can be more productive," Lamar Odom said. "We were lucky to kind of stay in that game. We know we can play a lot better than we did."

Denver's front line outmuscled Gasol, Bynum and Odom. In Game 2, Jackson expects Bynum's focus to be in the low post, while letting Gasol and Odom play away from the basket.

"He's got to be a power player in there and he's got to be a big guy that makes them feel small and uses his size against them," the coach said. "Pau and Lamar can be active enough to do things out on the floor to change the game up. They can pass the ball and dribble the ball. They have to be really mobile and have that attack idea."

Denver coach George Karl seemingly took the loss harder than his players. He sat in silence for several seconds after being asked about the game. By Wednesday, though, the emotion of losing in the final seconds had dissipated.

"I like our chances if you give us a six-point lead with four minutes to go," he said. "I'll take our chances winning this series. I'll sign that contract tomorrow."



DAVID RICHARD/AP

**Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard's dunk in the first quarter Wednesday knocked the shot clock off the backboard.**

## Howard's dunk a showstopper

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Superman doesn't know his own strength.

Orlando center Dwight Howard knocked down the 24-second shot clock above the basket with a ferocious dunk the first time he touched the ball in Wednesday night's Eastern Conference final against the Cleveland Cavaliers.

After grabbing a rebound, Howard went up underneath and slammed the ball through with both hands and pulled on the rim for Orlando's first basket. The 24-second stanchion, a 5-foot-tall appendage that has cameras mounted to its top, then fell.

"I've done that before, a couple times," Howard said. "I didn't even know what happened. I thought it was a regular dunk until I turned around. I saw the replay. It was a fun thing to watch."

A maintenance crew came out with ladders but couldn't fix the clock. The clock at the opposite end was turned off and portable units were placed on both baselines. A tape measure was brought out to check if Howard had pulled the rim lower than its required 10 feet.

Play was stopped for eight minutes.

## NBA scoreboard

### Playoffs

#### CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)

**Cleveland vs. Orlando**

**Wednesday:** Orlando 107, Cleveland 106. Orlando leads series 1-0.  
**Friday:** Orlando at Cleveland  
**Sunday:** Cleveland at Orlando  
**Tuesday, May 28:** Orlando at Cleveland  
**Saturday, May 30:** Cleveland at Orlando  
**Monday, June 1:** Orlando at Cleveland  
**L.A. Lakers vs. Denver**  
L.A. Lakers 105, Denver 103, L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0  
**Thursday:** Denver at L.A. Lakers  
**Saturday:** L.A. Lakers at Denver  
**Monday:** L.A. Lakers at Denver  
**Wednesday, May 27:** Denver at L.A. Lakers  
**Friday, May 29:** L.A. Lakers at Denver  
**Sunday, May 31:** Denver at L.A. Lakers

### Leaders

#### Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
James, CLE	9	104	85	312	34.7
Wade, MIA	7	68	50	204	29.1
Parker, SAN	5	59	22	143	28.6
Bryant, LAL	13	134	82	369	28.4
Anthony, DEN	11	112	64	309	28.1
Nowitzki, DAL	10	88	88	268	26.8
Roy, POR	6	56	40	160	26.7
Gordon, CHI	7	52	49	170	24.3
Billups, DEN	11	66	72	239	21.7
Iguodala, PHIL	6	44	30	129	21.5

### Wednesday

#### Magic 107, Cavaliers 106

**ORLANDO** — Turkoglu 4-11 6-6 15, Lewis 9-13 1-2 22, Howard 14-20 2-2 30, Alston 4-10 1-1 11, Lee 2-7 0-0 4, Pietrus 5-10 1-2 13, Johnson 2-3 0-5, Battie 1-2 1-1 3, Gorat 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 43-78 12-14 107.

**CLEVELAND** — James 20-30 6-10 49, Varejao 6-8 2-2 14, Ilgauskas 5-11 0-0 10, M.Williams 6-19 3-3 17, West 4-13 0-0 11, Szczerbiak 0-2 0-0 0, Smith 2-4 1-2 5, Wallace 0-1 0-0 0, Gibson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-88 12-17 106.

**Orlando** 19 29 30 29-107  
**Cleveland** 33 30 19 24-106

Three-Point Goals—Orlando 9-20 (Lewis 3-4, Alston 2-4, Pietrus 2-5, Turkoglu 1-2, Johnson 1-2, Lee 0-3), Cleveland 8-25 (James 3-6, West 3-8, M.Williams 2-8, Ilgauskas 0-1, Smith 0-1, Szczerbiak 0-1).

Fouled Out—Howard—Orlando 42 (Howard 13), Cleveland 45 (Ilgauskas 10). Assists—Orlando 32 (Turkoglu 14), Cleveland 23 (James 8). Total Fouls—Orlando 15, Cleveland 19. Technicals—Howard, Orlando defensive three second. A—20,562 (20,562).

### Calendar

June 4 — NBA finals start date (possible move-up to June 2).

June 15 — NBA draft early entry entrant withdrawal deadline (5 p.m. EDT).

June 18 — NBA finals latest possible end date.

June 25 — NBA draft.

## East: James' 49 not enough for Cavs

### EAST, FROM BACK PAGE

the second half — against the league's top defensive team.

"Unacceptable," James said. "We should have lost."

Orlando, which went 2-1 vs. Cleveland in the regular season and beat the Cavs by 29 on April 3, took its first lead at 85-84 with 10:06 left when Anthony Johnson buried a three-pointer from the left corner. The bucket seemed to suck the air out of the raucous building and Cavs coach Mike Brown quickly called a timeout to stop the Magic's run and get James back in.

The Magic, though, kept making big shots with Lewis hitting a jumper with 31.6 seconds left to give Orlando a 104-103 lead.

James then drove and scored on a runner while fouling out Howard, who added 13 rebounds. James completed the three-point play for a 106-104 lead but Lewis came down and nailed his three-pointer over Anderson Varejao.

"You got to play 48 minutes," Lewis said. "The most important thing is to play 48 minutes. We played only one half, but it was the second half."

On Cleveland's last possession, Delonte West missed an open three but James was able to tie up Turkoglu for a jump ball. James tipped it back to Williams, but his last-second prayer hit the back of the rim and the Cavs walked off knowing they had given up home-court advantage for this round.

"This is good for us," Brown said. "We didn't expect go undefeated."

Williams ended the first half by swishing a 67-footer to give the Cavaliers a 63-48 lead.

In the Orlando locker room moments later, Van Gundy ripped into his players for not stopping James, who had 26 in the opening half.

"He told us, 'We're all witnesses,'" Howard recalled, using the slogan James has popularized with his commercials. "That got us fired up."

James shrugged off Van Gundy's comment to his team as "reverse psychology."

"You know how he is. He's funny." Van Gundy, though, was serious when he addressed trying to stop James, who was 20-for-30 from the field.

"The only thing I don't leave this game with is any idea whatsoever of what to do with him," he said. "As a coach, I don't have a clue."

# A WEEKLY LOOK RACING STRIPES AT MOTORSPORTS



JEB BASS/AP

Tony Kanaan, left, crowded by teammate Marco Andretti, bounces into Sarah Fisher after brushing the wall, ending his race just past the midway point of last year's Indy 500.

# Kanaan accentuates the positive

BY MIKE HARRIS  
*The Associated Press*

**T**ony Kanaan finds it laughable when people talk about his bad luck in the Indianapolis 500. The Brazilian is probably the best active IndyCar driver never to have won the sport's biggest event. Still, he can't bring himself to think of his close calls or his failures here as some kind of jinx.

"I've led (the race) every time I've been here, something nobody else has (done), and I haven't started worse than sixth," Kanaan said while relaxing before practice in the Andretti Green Racing garage. "You can't say this place is bad luck for me. I just haven't nailed it yet."

In Kanaan's first seven races on the famed 2.5-mile Brickyard oval, the annual prerace favorite has five finishes of 12th or better, including third in 2003, second in 2004, eighth in 2005 and fifth in 2006.

"Because it's Indianapolis, people make a big deal about it," he said. "I don't think I have bad luck here. I just think I haven't had the luck to win. But I've been fortunate with what I have done. It's hard to win a race and even harder to pick the race that you want to win."

"I don't think this place owes me any-

Brazilian driver, citing second- and third-place finishes, says he's not jinxed when it comes to Indy

thing and I've just got to keep trying."

But last year's 29th-place finish might have been the toughest for Kanaan. He went from leading the race to crashing out of it just past the halfway point when teammate Marco Andretti crowded him in a turn. Kanaan brushed the wall and then collided with Sarah Fisher.

After the race, Kanaan called the move by Andretti, the son of team co-owner Michael Andretti, "stupid." But the hard feelings didn't last long for Kanaan, acknowledged by younger teammates Andretti, Danica Patrick and Hideki Mutoh as the team leader.

"We still have different opinions, I think, about what happened," Kanaan said. "But that's good because we both have different personalities and see it in different ways. But that did not affect us as teammates. It did not affect us as friends. We still hang around and still have fun."

"Nobody really remembers what happened between me and Marco. They remember that Scott Dixon won the race. You have to move on and move forward."

Andretti, 22, who is 12 years younger than his teammate, agreed. "Tony and I are fine," he said. "Things happen on the track, but TK is the leader of this team. He has everybody's respect."

Kanaan doesn't mind being the one his teammates look to. "I am the oldest guy, by far," he said. "Everybody relies a lot on me. They, being a young crowd, they do have a tendency to lose their patience a lot quicker than I do. I'm not talking about car setup, because they are very capable of doing everything. But when I kind of struggle, it kind of falls down to everybody else. That's why I've got to keep my mind straight all the time. I'm fully aware of the responsibility that I have on this team. So I can't really show sometimes a lot of the emotions that I want to show."

Kanaan, who will start sixth Sunday, has spent almost as much time this month shaking down his teammates' cars as he has in trying to get his own up to speed after a slow start for AGR at Indy. "We did struggle the first week with a car which we still have no idea why it was slow," Kanaan

said. "I had good support from my team to believe in me and not just believe that the driver was just being a whiner and crying about having a slow car. We turned the situation around."

Kanaan sees a possible silver lining in those early struggles. "It has been the most difficult month I've had here, as far as trying to set up a car and get the car right for the race," he said. "So that might be the secret. I had such easy months in the last seven [years] and everybody picked me as a favorite all the time — 'Oh, man, he's so strong.' This time, we're under the radar. People talk about me just because of my record here, but I don't think if I was to pick somebody to win this race right now as a fan, I would not pick Tony Kanaan."

But what if Kanaan never does win Indy? "It's not going to be the end of my life if I don't win this race," he said. "I won't be a frustrated driver if I don't win this thing because I'm fulfilled with my dream of being a race-car driver."

Besides, Kanaan believes he's still got plenty of time to win this race.

"It took Johnny Rutherford 11 tries (to win) here," he said, referring to the three-time Indy winner.

"I'm on my eighth. I told him the other day, 'I guess I have five to go.'"

## FAST FACTS

### SPRINT CUP

**Race 12: Coca-Cola 600**  
at Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.  
**6:30 a.m. Monday, AFN-Xtra**



**Driver to watch:** Despite only having won one time at Lowe's Motor Speedway in his career, Stewart is finally settling into his new ride during his first year as a team owner.

### DRIVER STANDINGS

Through 11 of 36 races

1. Jeff Gordon .....	1,601
2. Tony Stewart .....	1,572
3. Kurt Busch .....	1,546
4. Jimmie Johnson .....	1,465
5. Denny Hamlin .....	1,445
6. Jeff Burton .....	1,384
7. Kyle Busch .....	1,380
8. Ryan Newman .....	1,363
9. Greg Biffle .....	1,345
10. Matt Kenseth .....	1,326
11. Mark Martin .....	1,316
12. Carl Edwards .....	1,271
13. Clint Bowyer .....	1,264
14. Juan Pablo Montoya .....	1,255
15. David Reutimann .....	1,232
16. Kasey Kahne .....	1,205
17. Brian Vickers .....	1,188
18. Dale Earnhardt Jr. ....	1,182
19. Martin Truex Jr. ....	1,144
20. Marcos Ambrose .....	1,131
21. Kevin Harvick .....	1,109
22. Casey Mears .....	1,104
23. Reed Sorenson .....	1,090
24. Jamie McMurray .....	1,068
25. A.J. Allmendinger .....	1,059

### NATIONWIDE SERIES

**This week:** CARQUEST Auto Parts 300 at Concord, N.C. (Delayed, 7 p.m. Sunday, AFN-Xtra).

**Next race:** HELUVA GOOD! 200, May 30, Dover International Speedway, Dover, Del.

#### Driver Standings

1. Kyle Busch .....	1,539
2. Carl Edwards .....	1,502
3. Jason Leffler .....	1,386

### CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS

**Last race:** Ron Hornaday Jr. raced to his first victory of the season and the 40th of his career at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

**Worth noting:** Jeff Burton is making his 300th Nationwide Series start.

**Next race:** AAA Insurance 200, May 29, Dover International Speedway, Dover, Del.

#### Driver Standings

1. Ron Hornaday Jr. ....	966
2. Mike Skinner .....	882
3. Matt Crafton .....	877

### FORMULA ONE

**This week:** Monaco Grand Prix in Monte Carlo, Monaco.

**Next race:** Turkish Grand Prix, June 7, Istanbul Speed Park, Istanbul.

#### Driver Standings

1. Jenson Button .....	41
2. Rubens Barrichello .....	27
3. Sebastian Vettel .....	23

### INDYCAR SERIES

**This week:** Indianapolis 500 (2 a.m. Monday, AFN-Sports).

**Next race:** A.J. Foyt Indy 225, May 31, The Milwaukee Mile, West Allis, Wis.

#### Driver Standings

1. Tony Kanaan .....	100
2. Ryan Briscoe .....	99
3. Dario Franchitti .....	96

### NHRA

**Last event:** Tony Schumacher raced to his third Top Fuel victory of the season in the NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals at Bristol Dragway. Del Worsham (Funny Car) and Mike Edwards (Pro Stock) also won.

**Next event:** O'Reilly NHRA Summer Nationals, May 29-31, Heartland Park Topeka, Topeka, Kan.

#### Driver Standings

Top fuel	569
1. Tony Schumacher .....	569
2. Antron Brown .....	514

#### Funny car

1. Mike Edwards .....	594
2. Brandon Bernstein .....	594
3. Tony Pedregon .....	594

#### Pro stock

1. Jeg Coughlin .....	514
2. Jason Line .....	662
3. Mike Edwards .....	616

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TED S. WARREN/AP

**Seattle pitcher Felix Hernandez throws during the first inning of Tuesday's game against the Los Angeles Angels. Hernandez gave up 11 hits and six runs in 5 1/3 innings, leading manager Don Wakamatsu to meet with him Wednesday in private for 17 minutes.**

## Mariners doomed to repeat history?

By GREGG BELL  
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Here they go again.

Twelve losses in 15 games had Seattle pointing fingers like it's 2008.

Thanks largely to the clubhouse presence of team trendsetter and crackup Ken Griffey Jr., the Mariners insist this is a closer, tougher group than the bickering one that lost 101 games last season. But rookie manager Don Wakamatsu seething and calling out ace Felix Hernandez, 23, for not "stepping up" in a loss brings back ugly memories.

On Wednesday, a day after his anchor gave up 11 hits and six runs to the Los Angeles Angels in 5 1/3 innings as the Mariners lost again, Wakamatsu met for 17 minutes with Hernandez behind a closed door in the manager's office.

Upon emerging from the meeting — about 80 minutes before the Mariners eked out a 1-0 victory over the Angels behind journeyman Chris Jakubauskas, 29 — Hernandez twirled a glove on his index finger.

Asked how the talk went, Hernandez nodded, said "good," and walked away.

The meeting apparently didn't include an apology from the manager.

Before it, Wakamatsu didn't back down from his postgame comments Tuesday night, when he said without being asked: "Felix wasn't sharp.... Sometimes you've got to ask guys to step up. I don't think he stepped up today."

Wakamatsu was particularly

angered by the Angels, second in the major leagues in stolen bases, swiping five against Hernandez and the pitching staff Tuesday.

The manager and former major league catcher said Hernandez was taking 1.5-1.6 seconds to deliver pitches, leaving catcher Kenji Johjima "no chance" to throw out base runners.

"Anaheim is a good club and they have talented players, but it is an embarrassment to allow them to steal five bags off us," Wakamatsu said Tuesday.

But the tone of Wakamatsu's anger — and the recent, sorry play that prompted it — are reminiscent of last year, when Seattle became the first team with a \$100 million payroll to lose 100 games.

"What I'm trying to do (with) some of the comments I make is really just tell the truth," Wakamatsu said.

"It's not a reflection that I'm emotional about that player. What I care about this team doing is fundamental baseball. ... Those are comments that everybody on this team has heard."

And he added, "What we care about is similar to the adjustments that we made with (new closer) David Aardsma, who has had command issues in the past but all of a sudden is commanding the ball better, is getting outs, is quicker to the plate."

Asked if Hernandez has been that slow to the plate before, Wakamatsu said: "Comes and goes. That is where we talk about showing up."

"It's more of a disappointment when you work so hard at certain parts of your game — and then it just falls apart."

## NHL scoreboard

### Playoffs

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE (Best-of-seven)

##### Carolina 4, Boston 3

Boston 4, Carolina 1  
Carolina 3, Boston 0  
Carolina 3, Boston 2, OT  
Carolina 4, Boston 1  
Boston 2, Carolina 0  
Boston 4, Carolina 2  
Carolina 3, Boston 2, OT

##### Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3

Washington 3, Pittsburgh 2  
Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3  
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2, OT  
Pittsburgh 5, Washington 3  
Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3, OT  
Washington 5, Pittsburgh 4, OT  
Pittsburgh 6, Washington 2

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Detroit 4, Anaheim 3

Detroit 3, Anaheim 2  
Anaheim 4, Detroit 3, 3OT  
Anaheim 2, Detroit 1  
Detroit 6, Anaheim 3  
Detroit 4, Anaheim 1  
Anaheim 2, Detroit 1  
Detroit 4, Anaheim 3

##### Chicago 4, Vancouver 2

Vancouver 5, Chicago 3  
Chicago 6, Vancouver 3  
Vancouver 3, Chicago 1  
Chicago 2, Vancouver 1  
Chicago 4, Vancouver 2  
Chicago 7, Vancouver 5

#### CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-seven)

##### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Carolina vs. Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh 3, Carolina 2, Pittsburgh leads series 1-0

**Thursday:** Carolina at Pittsburgh

**Saturday:** Pittsburgh at Carolina

**Tuesday, May 29:** Carolina at Pittsburgh\*

**Sunday, May 31:** Pittsburgh at Carolina

**Tuesday, June 2:** Carolina at Pittsburgh\*

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Chicago vs. Detroit

Detroit 5, Chicago 2  
Detroit 3, Chicago 2, OT, Detroit leads series 2-0

**Friday:** Detroit at Chicago

**Sunday:** Detroit at Chicago

**Wednesday:** Chicago at Detroit\*

**Saturday, May 30:** Detroit at Chicago\*

**Monday, June 1:** Chicago at Detroit\*

\* — if necessary

### Playoff scoring leaders

Through May 19

	GP	G	A	PTS
Crosby, Pit.	14	12	10	22
Ovechkin, Was.	14	11	10	21
Malkin, Pit.	14	7	14	21
Franken, Det.	13	9	9	18
Getzlaf, Ana.	13	4	14	18
Zetterberg, Det.	13	7	9	16
Backstrom, Was.	14	3	12	15
Perry, Ana.	13	8	6	14
Havlat, Chi.	14	5	9	14
Semin, Was.	14	5	9	14
Staal, Car.	15	9	4	13
Savard, Bos.	11	6	7	13
Ryder, Bos.	11	5	8	13
Kane, Chi.	13	8	4	12
Cleary, Det.	13	6	6	12
Toews, Chi.	14	6	6	12
Versteeg, Chi.	14	4	8	12
Lidstrom, Det.	13	3	9	12
Kessel, Bos.	11	6	5	11
10 tied				

### Calendar

**May 25-30:** NHL Combine, Toronto.

**June 15:** Last possible day for Stanley Cup finals.

**June 18:** NHL awards show at Las Vegas.

**June 26-27:** NHL draft, Montreal.

**July 1:** Free agency signing period begins.

# 'Hawks head home hoping to regroup

Detroit leads Chicago 2-0 in series

By RICK GANO

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A stinging overtime loss fresh on their minds less than 24 hours later, the Chicago Blackhawks were hoping to rest and regroup Wednesday.

Even moreso, they were hoping to win a game.

They knew how difficult it would be to beat the defending Stanley Cup champions and now face an even more daunting assignment against the Detroit Red Wings: rally from a 2-0 deficit and win four of the next five games.

"You have to let that go. Last night, it's a tough loss. It's still a seven-game series and you got to win four games," Chicago winger Andrew Ladd said of Tuesday night's 3-2 setback.

Ladd offered some solace Wednesday from his experience with the Carolina Hurricanes three years ago during a run to the Stanley Cup.

"I just think you don't want to panic," Ladd said. "I know in Carolina, our first round against Montreal the year we won, we lost our first two games at home and ended up winning that series in six."

But this is the conference finals and it's the Red Wings. And even though the Blackhawks are counting on the roar of the United Center crowd to give them a boost, they have to find a way to play better and cut down on turnovers.

The Red Wings' depth, the defense's ability, led by Nicklas Lidstrom, to shut down Chicago's young star, Patrick Kane — three shots on goal Tuesday after none in Game 1 — and the play of goalie Chris Osgood have overridden concerns about fatigue.

Detroit needed seven games to oust Anaheim in a grueling semi-

final. But the Red Wings still had enough energy in the late stages of the first two games against the younger Blackhawks. The Red Wings scored three times in the third period to take the opener 5-2 and then used a costly Chicago mistake to win frenetic Game 2 in overtime.

"Obviously, it's the first time for a lot of those guys in the conference finals," Detroit's Brian Rafalski said, looking ahead to Game 3 Friday. "We're going to have to come out with a lot of jump. The crowd is going to give them a big boost."

Chicago seemed to have better puck management for most of Game 2, but the mistakes cost the Blackhawks. There is very little margin against Detroit.

Normally steady Chicago defenseman Brent Seabrook has twice had trouble controlling the puck, leading to a goal in each game by Detroit's Dan Cleary — one on a breakaway Tuesday night.

And Mikael Samuelsson's winner in overtime started on a turnover by Chicago's Brian Campbell, leading to a three-on-one break.

"We look at the three goals in the first two games where we had the puck on the point, we had pretty good possession of it, and we ended up giving three goals off of that," Chicago coach Joel Quenneville said Wednesday.

"We certainly like to encourage plays and things like that. But they check well and their transition game off of those plays were, you know, very pivotal goals in two games. That's one area where we got to be better."

The Red Wings also took a day off practice Wednesday and will be back on the ice Thursday before making the short flight across Lake Michigan.



PAUL SANCYA/AP

Chicago has to win four of the next five games to advance past defending Stanley Cup champion Detroit.

**NL scoreboard****National League**

East Division				W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	22	19	.564	—			
New York	21	19	.525	1½			
Atlanta	20	19	.513	2			
Florida	19	22	.463	4			
Washington	11	28	.282	11			

Central Division				W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	25	17	.575	—			
St. Louis	21	17	.553	3			
Chicago	21	17	.553	3			
Cincinnati	21	19	.525	4			
Pittsburgh	19	21	.475	6			
Houston	18	20	.474	6			

West Division				W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	29	13	.690	—			
San Francisco	20	18	.487	8½			
San Diego	18	22	.450	10			
Arizona	16	24	.400	12			
Colorado	15	24	.385	12½			

**Wednesday's games**

Florida 8, Arizona 6, 1st game  
Arizona 11, Florida 9, 13 innnings, 2nd game  
Pittsburgh 2, Washington 1  
Atlanta 12, Colorado 4  
Cincinnati 5, Philadelphia 1  
Houston 6, Milwaukee 4  
St. Louis 2, Chicago Cubs 1  
San Diego 2, San Francisco 1  
L.A. Dodgers 2, N.Y. Mets 1

**Thursday's games**

Philadelphia 12, Cincinnati 5  
Pittsburgh at Washington  
Arizona at Florida  
Colorado at Atlanta  
Milwaukee at Houston  
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis  
San Francisco at San Diego

**Friday's NL game**

Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 3-1) at San Diego (Peavy 3-5)

**Wednesday****Marlins 8, Diamondbacks 6****First Game**

Arizona ab r h bi ab r h bi

F Lopez 2b .5 0 1 0 Bonifac 3b-1f 1 2 0  
G Parra cf 5 0 2 1 Hernid 1f-3f 3 2 1 0  
J Upton rf 4 1 1 0 Helms ph-3b 0 1 1  
S Drew ss 4 0 1 0 HRmrr ss 4 1 0 0  
Rynolds 3b 3 1 2 0 Cantu 1b 4 1 2 1  
CYoung ct 4 0 1 0 C Ross cr-1f 2 1 2 1  
Tracy 1b 4 2 2 2 Ugila 2b 3 1 1 4  
Snyder c 3 2 1 2 Rpaun c 3 0 0 0  
LRosls p 0 0 0 0 Coghin lf 3 0 0 0  
DDavis p 2 0 0 0 Meyer p 0 0 0 0  
Rauch p 0 0 0 0 Calero p 0 0 0 0  
Bynes ph 0 0 0 0 Nuniez p 1 0 0 0  
Vasquez p 0 0 0 0 Gioia ph 1 0 0 0  
Slater p 0 0 0 0 Lutre p 0 0 0 0  
Monter c 1 0 0 0 Volstad p 0 0 0 0  
Totals 36 6 9 6 Totals 33 8 9 7

Totals 000 031 200-6

Arizona 201 040 01x-8

E-S.Drew 3 (3), LOB—Arizona 5, Florida 7, 2B-C.Ross 2 (9), 3B-J.Upton (3).

HR—Tracy (3), Snyder (3), Ugila (5), SB—Reynolds 4 (8), Bonifacio (8), Hernida (3), CS—Bonifacio (4).

IP H R ER BB SO

D Davis L-2-6 4½ 6 6 6 5 4

Rauch 1½ 1 1 0 1 0

Vasquez 1½ 1 1 0 1 2

Slater 0 1 0 0 0 0

LRosales 1½ 0 0 0 0 0

Florida

Volstad W-3 6 5 4 4 1 9  
Meyer H-7 ½ 3 2 2 1 0  
Calero H-6 ½ 0 0 0 0 0  
Nunez H-7 1 1 0 0 0 0 1  
Lindstrom S-10 1 0 0 0 0 1

Slater pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.

WP—Rauch, Volstad. PB—Snyder. T—

3:17. A—0 (38,560).

**Diamondbacks 11, Marlins 9 (13)**

**Second Game**

Arizona ab r h bi ab r h bi

F Lopez 2b 6 2 4 0 Bonifac 3b 5 0 1 1  
G Parra cf 6 2 0 0 Hernid 1f 6 1 3 2

J Upton rf 7 3 4 6 Lndstr p 0 0 0 0

S Drew ss 6 1 1 0 Meyer p 0 0 0 0

Rynolds 3b 6 2 2 3 Helms ph 1 0 0 0

Monter c 5 0 0 0 Nuniez p 0 0 0 0

Bynes lf 7 0 2 0 Calero p 0 0 0 0

Tracy 1b 4 0 0 0 HRmrr ss 5 0 0 0

Agnstn p 1 1 0 0 Cantu 1b 7 0 2 0

CYoung ph 1 0 0 0 Bojark c 6 1 1 0

LRosls p 0 0 0 0 Ugila 2b 4 2 2 1

JGutrrz p 0 0 0 0 DeAza cf 6 2 1 2

Ojeda p 0 0 0 0 Pena p 0 0 0 0

T.Pena p 0 0 0 0 Bednoph p 0 0 0 0

Qualls p 1 0 0 0 Pinto p 0 0 0 0

Rauch p 0 0 0 0 Gioia ph 1 0 0 0

Totals 5211 14 10 Totals 49 9 15 9

Arizona 004 201 000 001 1—9

Florida

E—Bynes (3), G.Parra (1), C.Ross (2),

De Aza (1), DP—Arizona 1, Florida 1, LOB—

Arizona 11, Florida 14, 2B—F.Lopez 2 (14),

S.Drew (4), Bynes (9), C.Ross (10), De Aza (1), HR—Upton 2 (9), Reynolds 2 (11), Hernida (4), Ugila (6), SB—J.Upton (4), Reynolds (9), Tracy (1), Hernida (4), S—Bonifacio, Badenoph 2, SF—S.Drew, Bonifacio.

IP H R ER BB SO

Augenstein 5 7 6 5 2 1

LRosales 2 2 1 1 1 1

J Gutierrez 2 2 0 0 2 2

TPena 1 1 0 0 1 1

Quals W-1-0 2 2 1 1 2 0

Rauch S-1-1 1 1 1 0 2

Florida

Penn 2½ 5 4 3 2 2

Badenoph 3½ 3 2 1 2 1

Pinto BS-3-3 1½ 2 1 1 1 2

Sanches 2 1 0 0 0 1 1

Lindstrom 1 0 0 0 0 0 1

Meyer 1 1 1 1 1 1

Nunez L-2-1 1½ 2 3 3 2 0

Calero 2½ 0 0 0 0 0 0

T.Pena pitched to 2 batters in the 11th. HBP—by T.Pena (Ha.Ramirez). WP—

L.Rosales. T—4:50. A—14,426 (38,560).

**Reds 5, Phillies 1**

Philadelphia				Cincinnati			
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Rollins ss 4 0 0 0	Tavers cf 3 2 2 0						
Utley 2b 4 0 1 0	HrnrJr 3b 4 1 2 0						
Ibanez lf 4 1 1 1	Phillips 2b 3 0 2 3						
Howard 1b 3 0 1 0	Bruce rf 4 0 2 1						
Werth rf 4 0 0 0	Rhrndz 1b 3 0 0 0						
Victorn cf 2 0 1 0	AlGnzls ss 4 0 1 0						
Feliz 3b 3 0 0 0	DMcnld If 3 0 0 0						
Coste c 3 0 1 0	Hanign c 4 1 2 1						
Moyer p 1 0 0 0	Harang p 2 0 0 0						
Durbin p 0 0 0 0	Dickrns ph 1 1 0 0						
Escalera p 0 0 0 0	Rhodes p 0 0 0 0						
Brtntt ph 1 0 0 0	Arosols ph 1 0 0 0						
Tschir p 0 0 0 0	Corder p 0 0 0 0						
Total 29 4 1 Totals 32 5 12 5	Total 000 100 000-1						
Philadelphia	111 000 20x-5						
Cincinnati							

**Pittsburgh**

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Maholm	6	4	1	1	3	7
J.Chavez	1	0	0	0	1	1
S.Burnett	0	0	0	0	0	1
Grabow W-2-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Capps S-8-10	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Washington</b>						

Lannan 7 7 1 1 2 5

Villone 1 1 0 0 0 1

Hanrahan L-0-2 1 3 1 1 1

S.Burnett pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.

HBP—by Lannan (McLouth). WP—Hanrahan. An. PB—R.Diaz. T—2:51. A—17,854 (41,888).

**Cardinals 2, Cubs 1**

Chicago				St. Louis			
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Asiron lf 4 0 0 0	Schmrk 2b-rrf 4 0 1 0						
Theriot ss 4 0 1 0	Rasmss cf 4 0 1 0						
Fukdm cf 4 0 1 0	Pujols 1b 3 1 2 0						
Lee.D. 1b 4 0 1 0	YMolin c 2 0 0 0						
Bradly rf 3 1 1 0	Duncan lf 3 1 2 1						
Fontent 3b 4 0 1 0	Stavinh 3b 2 0 0 0						
Soto c 3 0 1 0	Barden ph-3b 0 0 0 0						
Freel pr 0 0 0 0	Thrstn 3b-2b 0 0 0 0						
Scales 2b 3 0 0 0	Cprnt p 1 0 0 0						
Hoffparph 1 0 0 0	Wnrwg ph 1 0 0 0						
Dmpstr p 0 0 0 0	McIllin p 0 0 0 0						
Miles p 0 0 0 0	Kgreen ph 0 0 0 0						
Marm p 0 0 0 0	Motte p 0 0 0 0						
Rjhnsn ph 1 0 0 0	Dreyes p 0 0 0 0						
Totals 32 1 6 1 Totals 28 5 2 6	Total 000 100 001-1						
St. Louis	000 100 00x-2						

E—Fontenot (3), DP—Chicago 2, St.

Louis 1. LOB—Chicago 8, St. Louis 4.

2B—Theriot (8), Bradley (2), Rasmus (6),

Pujols (8), Duncan (12), SB—Thurston (2).

S.Y.Molina, Barden. SF—K.Greene.

IP H R ER BB SO

Dempster L-3-3 7 6 2 2 2 3

Marmol 1 0 0 0 0 1

St. Louis

E—Carpenter W-2-0 5 3 0 0 2 4

McClellan H-6 2 0 0 0 0 2

Motte H-8 ½ 1 0 0 0 1

D.Reyes H-7 ½ 0 0 0 0 1

Franklin S-10-11 1 2 1 1 1 1

HBP—by McClellan (Fukudome). T—

2:28. A—41,703 (43,975).

**Dodgers 2, Mets 1**

New York				Los Angeles		
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## AL roundup

# Twins' road skid ends with laughter

The Associated Press

**CHICAGO** — Joe Mauer hit a grand slam and two doubles and drove in six runs as the Minnesota Twins routed the White Sox 20-1 on Thursday, matching Chicago's most-lopsided loss in team history.

Michael Cuddyer, Joe Crede and Matt Tolbert also homered as Minnesota emphatically ended a six-game losing streak and made the White Sox pine even more for pitcher Jake Peavy.

The San Diego Padres have agreed to deal their ace to the White Sox, and the teams were waiting to see whether Peavy would waive his no-trade clause.

Mauer's second career grand slam capped a six-run sixth inning. Tolbert's first big-league homer, a three-run shot in the seventh, made it 20-0.

His team having lost nine straight on the road, Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire shook up his batting order. The strategy worked, with the Twins scoring 20 for the 13th time in franchise history.

Mauer batted second for the first time this season, Cuddyer had four hits and three RBIs and Tolbert drove in four runs. Clean-up man Jason Kubel had three hits and everyone in the starting lineup scored within the first three innings.

The White Sox lost for the sixth time in eight games.

Bartolo Colon (2-4) allowed eight runs in two innings. Nick Blackburn (3-2) allowed four hits over seven innings to win for the first time at Chicago, where he had been 0-4 with a 5.27 ERA.

Minnesota led 1-0 and had two on in the second when Wilson Betemit fielded Nick Punto's bunt and threw the ball off Punto's helmet. Mauer's sacrifice fly and Kubel's RBI single made it 4-0 before Cuddyer lined a three-run homer over the left-field fence. Three pitches later, Crede took Colon deep for an eight-run lead.

**Tigers 4, Rangers 3:** Miguel Cabrera hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning, helping Detroit win its sixth straight game.

Curtis Granderson and Clete Thomas homered for the Tigers. Edwin Jackson (4-2) won his third start in a row and Fernando Rodney earned his eighth save in as many chances.

Kevin Millwood (4-4) took the complete-game loss. David Murphy homered for Texas.

The Tigers completed their second sweep of Texas this season, and have beaten the Rangers 11 straight in Detroit.

In Wednesday games:

**Red Sox 8, Blue Jays 3:** David Ortiz ended a streak of 149 at-bats without a homer when he connected for a solo shot in the fifth inning. Boston got three other homers while scoring six runs in the inning to put the game away.

Jason Varitek homered twice for Boston in the game, and Jason

Bay and Mike Lowell hit sixth-inning homers.

**Yankees 11, Orioles 4:** At New York, Nick Swisher hit the first of three consecutive homers that sent New York to its eighth straight victory.

Robinson Cano and Melky Cabrera also hit solo shots to right field in the second inning against starter Jeremy Guthrie (3-4) — all with two strikes.

Phil Hughes (2-2) struck out a career-high nine in five innings.

**Tigers 5, Rangers 3:** At Detroit, Justin Verlander allowed three hits in six innings and Detroit, despite hitting into a triple play, won its fifth straight.

Gerald Laird lined into the triple play, Texas' first since 2002, in the fourth.

Wilkin Ramirez, making his major league debut, broke a 1-1 tie with a Homer in the sixth inning. Verlander (6-3) gave up one run and walked two to improve to 4-0 with a 1.02 ERA in his past five starts. He fell short of becoming the first Tigers pitcher to strike out 10 or more in four straight starts, finishing with eight.

**Athletics 7, Rays 6:** At St. Petersburg, Fla., Brett Anderson pitched into the seventh inning to pick up his first major league victory, and Orlando Cabrera had two RBIs.

Anderson (1-4) gave up four runs — two earned — and four hits in six-plus innings. The victory came in his seventh career start, all this season.

Tampa Bay left-hander Scott Kazmir (4-4) had another dismal outing, allowing seven runs, eight hits and four walks and also hitting a batter in 4 1/3 innings.

**White Sox 7, Twins 4:** At Chicago, Jermaine Dye's grand slam capped a seven-run fourth inning, and John Danks allowed five hits and two earned runs over 5 2/3 innings for Chicago. Danks (3-3), who had an 8.35 ERA in his previous four starts, won for the first time in nearly a month.

The Twins have lost a season-high six consecutive games overall and 10 of 11 at Chicago.

**Indians 6, Royals 5:** Kansas City, Mo., Mark DeRosa had three hits and drove in the tiebreaking run in the eighth, and Kerry Wood rebounded from a bad outing for Cleveland. Wood, rocked for four runs in the ninth inning Tuesday in a 6-5 loss to the Royals, walked the bases full with one out in the ninth. But he struck out Mark Teahen and David DeJesus for his sixth save in eight opportunities, and first since May 1.

**Mariners 1, Angels 0:** At Seattle, fill-in starter Chris Jakubauskas limited the Angels to two hits in six innings. Ken Griffey Jr. had two hits, including an RBI single after Ichiro Suzuki doubled leading off the first against Ervin Santana (0-1).

Seattle won for the fourth time in 16 games, and for the first time in eight games against an AL West rival.

## AL scoreboard

## American League

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	27	16	.628	1
Boston	24	16	.600	1 1/2
New York	23	17	.575	2 1/2
Tampa Bay	20	22	.476	6 1/2
Baltimore	16	24	.400	9 1/2

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	23	16	.590	—
Kansas City	21	19	.525	2 1/2
Minnesota	19	23	.452	5 1/2
Chicago	17	23	.425	6 1/2
Cleveland	15	26	.366	9

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Texas	23	17	.575	—
Los Angeles	20	19	.513	2 1/2
Seattle	19	22	.463	4 1/2
Oakland	15	22	.405	6 1/2

## Wednesday's games

N.Y. Yankees	11	Baltimore	4
Detroit	5	Texas	3
Oakland	7	Tampa Bay	6
Boston	8	Toronto	3
Cleveland	6	Kansas City	5
Chicago	White Sox	7	Minnesota
Seattle	1	L.A. Angels	0

## Thursday's games

Minnesota	20	Chicago White Sox	1
Detroit	4	Texas	3
Cleveland	at	Kansas City	
Oakland	at	Tampa Bay	
Boston	at	N.Y. Yankees	
Toronto	at	Boston	
L.A. Angels	at	Seattle	

## Friday's interleague games

Baltimore	(R, Rail)	1-0	at Washington
Zimmerman	2-1	—	
Philadelphia	(Myers 3-2)	—	at N.Y. Yankees
A-Burnett	2-1	—	
Colorado	(Jimenez 3-4)	—	at Detroit
Porcello	4-3	—	

## Tampa Bay (Sonnanstine 2-4) at Florida

## Badenhop (2-2)

## N.Y. Mets (J.Santana 5-2) at Boston

## Matsuzaka 0-1

## Cleveland (A.Reyes 1-1) at Cincinnati

## Halladay (8-1) at Atlanta

## Kawakami 2-5

## Texas (Padilla 3-2) at Houston

## F.Paulino (1-3)

## Milwaukee (M.Parra 3-4) at Minnesota

## Slowey 5-1

## Pittsburgh (Duke 5-3) at Chicago

## White Sox (Floyd 2-4)

## Kansas City (Davies 2-2) at St. Louis

## (Wellmeyer 3-4)

## Arizona (Buckner 0-0) at Oakland (Call 2-1)

## L.A. Angels (Jer.Weaver 3-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-3)

## San Francisco (Ra.Johnson 3-4) at Seattle (Vargas 1-0)

## Total (1-0)

## Totals 35 3 8 3

## Totals 000 010 110-3

## Totals 010 004 00X-5

## Detroit

## E-Teagarden (1), LOB-Texas 7, D

## Treit 5—2B-Inge (5), 3B—Andrus (4)

## HR-N.Cruz (8), (W.Ramirez 1), Inge (11), Raburn (3), SB-J.Anderson (2), R.Bradley (3)

## Harrison pitched to 4 batters in the 6th. WP-Jennings. T-2:35. A-23,417 (41,255).

## IP H R ER BB SO

## Texas

## Harrison L-4-3

## Jennings

## Madrigal

## 1 0 0 0 0 1

## Detroit

## Verlander W-4-2

## Lyon

## Zumaya H.2

## Rodney S-7-7

## Harrison pitched to 4 batters in the 6th. WP-Jennings. T-2:35. A-23,417 (41,255).

## IP H R ER BB SO

## Texas

## Span r

## B.Harris ss

## Maurer c

## McFarbel cf

## Cash c

## Totals 35 4 10 4

## Totals 311 9 910

## New York

## 131 0 00 06x-11

## E-Andino (2), DP-Baltimore 2, New

## York 1, LOB-Baltimore 5, New York 4-2B-

## Mora (2), Andino (1), Jeter (8), Teixeira (8),

## HR-Ad.Jones (9), Wigington (3), Reimold (1), Swisher (9), Cano (7), Mc.Cabrera (5), CS-B.Roberts (4), SF-Cash.

## IP H R ER BB SO

## Baltimore

## Guthrie L-3-4

## Baez

## Walker

## 2 2 1 0 0 0

## New York

## Hughes W-2-2

## Acesv H.1

## Coke H.2

## 1 0 0 0 0 0

## Ma.Rivera S-8-9

## 1 0 0 0 0 0

## HBP—by Guthrie (A.Rodriguez, Teixeira). T-2:38. A-43,903 (52,325).

## IP H R ER BB SO

## Minnesota

## Liriano L-2-5

## Ayala

## Crain

## Chicago

## Danks W-3-3

## Dotel H.6

## Thornton H.7

## Linbeck H.3

## Jens S-9-9

## HBP—by Ayala (J.Nix). PB-C.Miller. T-2:46. A-29,044 (40,615).

## IP H R ER BB SO

## Toronto

## Scutaro ss

## Rios rf

## V.Wells cf

## Lind dh

## Rolen 3b

## Overbay 1b

## Barajis c

## Snider lf

## Millar ph

## Bautista tf

## Totals 40 3 14 2

## Totals 36 8 15 7

## Boston

## DP—Toronto 2, Boston 1, LOB-Toronto 11, Boston 8, 2B-Rios (10), Rolen (1), Overbay (13), Lowell (13), Lugo (2), 3B—Overbay (1), Baldril (1), HR-D.Ortiz (1), Bay (12), Lowell (7), Varitek 2 (7).

## IP H R ER BB SO

## Toronto

## Cecil L-2-1

## Camp

## Wolfe

## B.J.Ryan

## 1 0 1 0 0 0

## Boston

## Perry W-4-1

## Delcarmen

## D.Bard

## Okajima

## Saito

## T-2:58. A-38,099 (37,373).

## IP H R ER BB SO

## Los Angeles

## E.Santana L-0-1

## Arredondo

## B.J.Ryan

## 1 0 1 0 0 0

## Boston

## Perry W-4-1

## Delcarmen

## D.Bard

## Okajima

## Saito

## T-2:58. A-38,099 (37,373).

## IP H R ER BB SO

## Los Angeles

## E.Santana L-0-1

## Arredondo

## B.J.Ryan

## 1 0 1 0 0 0

## Boston

## Perry W-4-1

## Delcarmen

## D.Bard

## Okajima

# SPORTS



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# A Magical end to Cavs' streak



ORLANDO SENTINEL, GARY W. GREEN/MCT

Orlando's Rashard Lewis, far right, fires a three-pointer with 32 seconds left in Wednesday's game. About 17 seconds later, Lewis hit the three that beat Cleveland 107-106.

## Orlando stuns Cleveland with first loss of playoffs

BY TOM WITHERS  
*The Associated Press*

CLEVELAND — Slapped with his sixth personal foul and disqualified, Dwight Howard took a seat on Orlando's bench with just 25 seconds left.

His night was over. Superman had been stripped of his powers. The outcome of a Game 1 drenched in Game 7 intensity would be decided without him.

Looking up, Howard spotted the hero: Rashard Lewis.

"He gave me three winks," Howard said. "He was signaling he was going to hit a big three. And he did."

Lewis made a three-pointer with 14.7 seconds left and the keep-shooting-till-they-go-in Magic, who trailed by 15 points at halftime, withstood a 49-point performance by LeBron James to stun the Cleveland Cavaliers 107-106 in the opener of the Eastern Conference finals Wednesday night.

Three days after eliminating the defending champion Boston Celtics, the Magic put a spell on the previously unchallenged and top-seeded Cavaliers. Cleveland had cruised through the first two playoff rounds, winning its first eight games by double digits.

It was all so easy. Not anymore.

The Cavs lost their winning streak and their air of invincibility.

"It definitely hurts," said James, who had to be assisted on the floor following the game because of leg cramps. "But a series is not won or lost in one game."

Howard, who damaged the 24-second shot clock with a Shaq-like dunk in the first quarter, scored 30 points. Lewis added 22, including 12 in the fourth quarter on 5-for-5 shooting. Hedo Turkoglu scored 15 points with 14 assists for Orlando, which can take a 2-0 lead with a victory in Game 2 on Friday night.

James added eight assists, six rebounds

and three blocks, but the league's MVP got little help from his supporting cast. Mo Williams, pestered by Orlando's 6-foot-5 Courtney Lee, scored 17 on just 6 of 19 shooting and didn't help James during crucial stretches in the second half.

"I have to take pressure off that guy," Williams said, referring to James.

Despite his tough night, Williams had a chance to be the hero in the final second but missed a leaning, catch-and-shoot 17-footer after James won a jump-ball tap against Turkoglu.

"I'm not an optimistic guy, and when Mo Williams caught it and shot it off of one foot, I was sure it was going in," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said.

Cleveland gave this one away. The Cavaliers lost their grip on the game with a stagnant offensive third quarter that carried into the fourth. Also, the Magic shot 55 percent from the floor — 59 percent in

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TONY DEJAK/AP

The Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, right, and the Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard tangle under the basket during the first quarter of Wednesday's game.

Osan girls capture first Far East soccer title Page 25



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